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JUNK OUTRAGE SURVIVOR IN CRITICAL CONDITION

Development of gangrene in the shrapnel wounds of one of the survivors of a submarine junk massacre outrage on September 21, is causing anxiety regarding his condition at the Queen Mary Hospital.

The victim is Leung Hong, who was in charge of a Hong Kong licensed junk, No. 1822 HA, which set out for the fishing grounds with 21 other junks, and was attacked without warning by a submarine. He believes that the entire fleet was sunk.

Two shells were fired at his craft and he was wounded in two places, afterwards spending three days in the water clinging to a sail and spars. He reached Hong Kong on Wednesday, was admitted to the Queen Mary Hospital, gangrene having since set in. It is understood that his condition is critical.

A statement has been taken from him by the police, and his story details how his junk left Aberdeen carrying a crew of 20 and was engaged in fishing about 30 miles from Kip Shek, in the Hoi Fung District, Bias Bay. His boat was in line with 21 other craft, strung out, at 9 a.m. on September 21, when he heard a series of explosions, saw several junks sinking, and a submarine cruising towards him, about 500 feet away.

POINTBLANK RANGE

At pointblank range, the submarine shelled his craft from guns on the bows. He was wounded by splinters in both legs and fell overboard. Other members of the crew jumped. The junk was sunk.

He and several others managed to keep afloat for three days when they were picked up by another junk and taken to Ma Kwai Bay. They were given attention by the Kaitongs and left on September 23, reaching Aberdeen on Wednesday the following day.

He was now admitted to hospital.

LARGE FORCES AT DEATH GRIPS

Shanghai, 2 p.m., To-day.

The boom of exceptionally heavy guns is believed to indicate that the two Japanese capital-ships, Haruna and Hirao, are co-operating with their huge guns in the cannonading on the Lotien-Liuhang sector of the front, where the severest fighting is now going on.

Nearly 30,000 Japanese infantry are reported to be in action along this line, while they are faced by at least seven picked Chinese divisions, with five more in reserve.

Tanks have been employed, but only on a small scale owing to the fact that the area is heavily interlaced with creeks on which the Chinese have destroyed all bridges, while the nature of the country gives an immense advantage to the defensive.

JAPANESE MARINES ON SHANGHAI DOCK PROPERTY

Shanghai, To-day.

A protest was lodged by an official of the Shanghai Docks, accompanied by a British naval officer, against the landing of Japanese marines at the Dock establishment.

It is understood that the Japanese Consul-General replied alleging that the mine attack on the Idzumi emanated from the Docks. The marines were sent to search. He asked the Company to prevent Chinese use of the Dock in future.—Our Own Correspondent.

RUSH FOR BOOKING IN ANDRE LEBON

"If we had had a ship the size of the 'Queen Mary' we could still have filled her," declared an official of the Messageries Maritimes, in reference to the sailing of the 'Andre Lebon' for Shanghai.

Applications for passage have been on such a scale that tickets have been issued, as far as possible, only in such cases as evidence of urgent necessity of the return to Shanghai has been provided.

Final bookings have not yet been completed.

It is understood that the Andre Lebon will not be sailing until Sunday.

GUERRILLAS HARASSING JAPANESE

Tientsin, To-day.

Although Japanese reports yesterday concerning operations in North China stated that the Japanese troops will continue their advance south, it nevertheless appears certain that the Japanese armies have not succeeded in dealing any decisive blow at their opponents, and that their advance is now considerably slower.

Japanese troops advancing along the railway from Tientsin to Pukow claim to have captured the town of Tungkiang, which is still 30 kilometres from the frontier between the provinces of Hopei and Shantung.

Along the adjoining frontier province of Shansi, the Japanese advance south is harassed by guerilla troops.

General Teranchi, Commander-in-chief in North China, has arrived at Paotingfu.—Trans-Ocean.

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SHANGHAI BOMBARDMENT

JAPAN'S LET THINGS TAKE THEIR COURSE CYNICISM

Geneva, To-day.
Questioned regarding whether there is at present any hope of peace in the Far East, Mr. Isumi, the Japanese Consul-General in Geneva, said that at the moment it seems best to allow things to take their course.

In any event, intervention by a third party, he said, would be liable to create complications.

The matter was best settled between Japan and China, he concluded.—Reuter.

ALICE MOLLER

The "Alice Moller" which was due to sail yesterday with a substitute Cantonese crew for the Shanghai seamen who asked to be signed off rather than carry coals to Japan, did not sail on schedule.

It is understood, however, that she will leave to-day.

Hanoi Air Line Suspended

Canton, To-day.
It is learned that the South-West Aviation Corporation, which has been carrying on its service to Hanoi under difficulties, has now decided to suspend operations temporarily.—Reuter.

New Capital Issues

London, To-day.
New capital issues in September amounted to £1,964,000 as against £9,546,000 in September, 1936. The total for the first nine months of 1937 was £126,826,000. — British Wireless.



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INTENSIVE SHELLFIRE FROM BOTH SIDES

Shanghai, To-day.

All sectors of the Shanghai front were shelled intensively all day yesterday, but the Chinese claim that their "iron belt" from Chapei to Lauho was not penetrated.

Japanese transports, meanwhile, continue to unload reinforcements and supplies, and a moderate estimate places the number now in the Shanghai area at least 100,000.—Reuter.

DR. KUNG SAILS IN VICTORIA

Berlin, To-day.

The Chinese Minister of Finance, Dr. H. H. Kung, who is en route to China on the Lloyd Triestino liner Victoria, has sent the following telegram to the China Study Society for German-Chinese Co-operation in the Economic Field:

"My hearty thanks for your kind wishes.

"The unity and revival of Germany shall serve as an example for China.

"I hope for continued and successful co-operation between our two

HAINING ROAD BLAZE

Shanghai, To-day.
The Chinese claim that they made progress during yesterday afternoon's fighting, and re-captured the Oi Kuo Girls's College, which fell into the hands of Japanese troops early last month.

Japanese positions were subjected to heavy shelling by the Chinese artillery.
—As a result of the shelling, buildings in the vicinity of Haining Road were set afire and blazed for several hours, causing considerable damage to Japanese camouflaged positions.
—Our Own Correspondent.

countries.
"My regards and best wishes to your whole nation."—Trans-Ocean.

ADEN CANARD EXPOSED

London, To-day.

The Air Ministry announces, with reference to a report in the Press to the effect that a British Officer and four men of the Royal Air Force have been killed in action against tribesmen in Aden, that it has received a categorical denial of the report from the Air Officer Commanding, Royal Air Force, Aden. No officers or airmen have been killed and the situation in Aden and the surrounding territory is normal. A further report that reinforcements are being sent to Aden is also unfounded.—British Wireless.

National Health Campaign

London, To-day.

Speeches inaugurating the national health campaign were delivered in London last night by the Prime Minister, the Minister of Health, Lord Horder, Mr. Arthur Greenwood (for the Opposition) and Mr. J. P. Percy Harris for the Liberals. Mr. Chamberlain's speech was broadcast.—British Wireless.



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More Gilbert And Sullivan Excerpts

12-12-20 p.m.—Relay of Special Service from St. John's Cathedral.
12-30-2-15 p.m.—European Programme.
12-30 p.m.—Carroll Gibbons and His Boy Friends.
Coronado—Selection.
Intro: I've got my Fingers Crossed; All's Well; You took my Breath away.
Thanks a Million—Selection.
Intro: Thanks a Million; Sugar Plum; I'm sitting high on a Hill-Top.
Moonbeams Dance (C. Gibbons).
Bubbling Over (C. Gibbons).
There's a Ring Around the Moon (J. W. Green).
Nymph Errand—Selection.
Intro: It's bad for Me; How could we be Wrong; Experiment (Cole Porter).
The Mood that I'm in—Slow Fox-Trot.
12-50 p.m.—Songs by Gracie Fields (Comedienne).
Falling in Love Again (From the Film "The Blue Angel") (Holland-er).
What Archibald Says, Goes (Castling).
A Feather in Her Tyrolean Hat (Annette Mills).
1 p.m.—Local: Time Signal & Weather

Today's Wireless

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Report.
1-03 p.m.—Songs by Richard Crooks (Tenor).
Kathleen Mavourneen (Mrs. Julia Crawford—F. N. Crouch).
The Merry Widow—I Love You So (Franz Lehar).
Too Late To-morrow (Langenberg).
1-15 p.m.—New Light Symphony Orchestra.
Jazz Nocturne ("My Silent Love") (Suesse).
Buffoon (Confrey).
Romance (Tchaikovsky).
In A Monastery Garden (Ketelbey).
1-30 p.m.—Reuter Press; Rugby Press; Local: Weather Forecast & Announcements.
1-40 p.m.—Variety.
Orchestral—It's Love Again—Film Selection. Intro: It's Love Again (Vocal); Tony's in Town; Got to dance my way to Heaven; I nearly let love go slipping through.
Louis Levy & His Gaumont British Symphony.
Orchestral—Ninon (Film "A Song for You") (Pepper, Kaper & Jurmann).
Reginald King & His Orchestra with Cavan O'Connor (Tenor).
Vocal—
Travlin' All Alone (Breen, Johnson).
St. Louis Blues (Handy).

The Roswell Sisters.
Orchestral—Times of Not-So-Long Ago—1923—1924. Intro: Last night on the back porch; My sweetie went away; Wonderful one; Yes, we have no bananas; It ain't gonna rain no more; I love you; What'll I do; Korsey, keep your tail up... New Mayfair Orchestra.
Humorous—
I'm a Specialist (Charles "Chic" Sale).
Taught me how to play the Second Fiddle (Lyndhart, Moder & Bahl).
Frank Crumit.
Cinema Organ—
Teddy Bears' Picnic (Bratton).
Grasshoppers' Dance (Bucalossi).
Sydney Gustard.
2-15 p.m.—Close down.
4-7 p.m.—Chinese Programme.
7-11 p.m.—European Programme.
7 p.m.—Mozart Klavierkonzert in B-Dur, K.V. 450 played by Elly Ney with the Kammerorchester.
7-25 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations & Hong Kong Exchange Market Report.
7-30 p.m.—Heifetz (Violin)—Caprice, Op. 1, No. 24 (Paganini—Aner).
7-38 p.m.—STUDIO—Ruth Litvin at the Piano.
1. Mozart Sonata XI—A Major.
2. Godard—Venetienne—4th Barcarolle, Op. 110, No. 2.
3. Beethoven—Contra Dances—C Major, Nos. 1 & 3.
8 p.m.—Local: Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.
8-03 p.m.—An appeal on behalf of the "Sailors' & Soldiers' Home" by the Rev. D. B. Child.
8-15 p.m.—London Relay—'Game, Set, and Match.' A review of summer's sporting events. Presented by Pascoe Thornton.
8-45 p.m.—London Relay—Musical Interlude.
8-50 p.m.—London Relay—The News & Announcements.

9-15 p.m.—Studio—Rev. C. R. R. Sargent—The Greatest Masters of today. Singers—Melchior (Siegfried), McCormack (Don Giovanni); Borgos (La Boheme); Tauber (Rosenkavalier); Roth (Africana); Schipka (Ainca Fata); Gigh (Boheme); Martinelli (Trovatore).
10 p.m.—Orchestral Music.
Bavarian Dance—
Op. 27, No. 1 (Elgar).
Op. 27, No. 2 (Elgar).
London Symphony Orchestra.
The Enchanted Lake (Lindow).
Serge Koussevitzky & The Boston Symphony Orchestra.
10-15 p.m.—Gilbert & Sullivan Excerpts.
"The Pirates of Penzance".
Stay, We Must Not Lose Our Senses... Derek Oldham & Chorus of Girls.
Hold, Monsters!... E. Griffin, G. Baker, S. Robertson & Chorus.
I Am The Very Model Of A Modern Major General.
George Baker & Chorus.
"The Yeomen of the Guard".
A Man Who Would Woo A Fair Maid... D. Oldham, W. Lawson, N. Briercliffe.
When a Wooer Goes A-Wooing.
W. Lawson, N. Briercliffe, D. Oldham & G. Baker.
Rapture! Rapture!
D. Gill & P. Dawson.
10-30 p.m.—Dance Music.
Fox-Trots—
When my Dream Boat Comes Home.
I Stumbled Over Love.
Roy Fox & His Orchestra.
The Way You Look To-night.
A Fine Romance.
Ambrose and His Orchestra.
On-a Coconut Island.
Me and the Moon.
Victor Young & His Orchestra.
Swing That Music.
Thankful.
Louis Armstrong & His Orch.
Waltz—Follow Your Heart.
Fox-Trot—Magnolia in the Moonlight.
Ted Fio Rito & His Orch.
11 p.m.—Close down.

BRIDGE NOTES

By ELY CULBERTSON

The Correct Opening Lead

When a defender doubles a small or grand slam contract and the other defender must make the opening lead, the leader's sole thought should be to figure out what the doubler wants. The leader's own hand is of decidedly secondary consideration and should be consulted only in that spirit. Exceptional circumstances obviously require exceptional decisions and the mere fact that the opening leader has a combination of cards that normally offer safety has no bearing here. Consider to-day's hand.

South, dealer.

Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH

S.—7

H.—K Q 9 5

D.—A K Q J 4 2

C.—A 8

WEST

EAST

S.—K Q 10 5 4 S.—9 6 3 2

H.—J 10 3 2 H.—A 8 4

D.—7 6 D.—10 5 3

C.—5 4 C.—7 6 3

SOUTH

S.—A J 8

H.—7 6

D.—9 8

C.—K Q J 10 9 2

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1 club	Pass	2 diamonds	Pass
3 clubs	Pass	3 hearts	Pass
3 no trump	Pass	4 diamonds	Pass
5 clubs	Pass	7 clubs	Double
Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass

A word as to the bidding. North-South were foolish enough to be playing without the inestimable advantage of the two-way three bid, asking bids, and the four-five no trump convention, and landed in a grand slam contract when they actually were off a vital ace.

If West had been the type of player who considers only his own cards, North and South might have "gotten away with" their bad contract. But West knew that East's double could not be predicated on the spade ace. In the first place, South had at one point bid three no trump. Surely he could not have made this bid without the ace, king, and queen of spades. But, more important, East could not have doubled on the mere possession of the spade ace. There was entirely too much chance that dummy would show up void of spades. East would have doubled only with a trick in opponents' suits. Thus, since a trump trick could not get away, the choice was between hearts and diamonds. Since West had hearts stopped, there was not much danger that declarer, with losing diamonds, could discard them on a heart suit. But there was danger that he could discard losing hearts on a diamond suit. The decision was just as simple as that. West selected a low heart and the opponents' guns were spiked before they had fired a single shot.

TO-DAY'S QUESTION

Question: I opened the bidding with one heart. Partner responded with one spade. What is my correct rebid with the following?

S.—K 8 4

H.—A Q 9 6

D.—Q 7

C.—A 9 8 5

Answer: Two spades.

What's On At the Cinemas

AT THE KING'S—"Theodora Goes Wild"—With Irene Dunne as the madcap heroine of a gay romance which is truly deliciously delightful in the grandest role of her brilliant screen career. Melvyn Douglas has the leading male role. The supporting cast includes Tosafind, Leona Maricle, Henry Kolker, Thomas Mitchell, Elizabeth Risdon, Robert Greig, Spring Byington, Mary MacLaren, Thurston Hall, Margaret McWade and Sarah Edwards.

AT THE ALHAMBRA—Special Chinese newsreels on "CHINA TO-DAY."

AT THE QUEENS—"Easy Living"—Big business, funny business, crooked business and sticky business combine in a comedy riot that is going to be everybody's business. Starring Jean Arthur, Edward Arnold, Ray Milland, Luis Alberni, Mary Nash and Franklin Pangborn.

AT THE ORIENTAL—"Last Train From Madrid"—A flaming love-drama of the Spanish War. With Dorothy Lamour, Lew Ayres, Gilbert Roland, Karen Morley, Lionel Atwill, Helen Mack, Olympie Bradna and Anthony Quinn.

AT THE MAJESTIC—"Green Light", with Errol Flynn, Anita Louise, Margaret Lindsay and Sir Cedric Hardwicke. Errol Flynn is in the role of a young surgeon who sacrifices his career to save that of older doctor. Anita Louise and Margaret Lindsay provide the love interest while Sir Cedric Hardwicke is the surgeon who risks his life to search for a vaccine that will control the dreaded spotted fever. Directed by Frank Borzage, "Green Light" bids fair to be one of the leading screen contributions of the year.

AT THE STAR—"Our Relations", with Star Laurel and Oliver Hardy. Both members of the famous screen comedy team have twin brothers in this exceedingly funny picture. Both play double roles in fact, and create for themselves a host of amusing situations.



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**COMPLETE DENIAL BY
MAJOR IN SECOND TRIAL**

A COMPLETE DENIAL OF THE ALLEGATION THAT HE DEMANDED OR ACCEPTED ANY MONEY FROM ANY ONE ON BOARD THE S.S. FATSHAN WAS MADE BY HARRY RICHARD MAJOR, AT THE CRIMINAL SESSIONS THIS MORNING WHEN HE WAS CHARGED WITH ACCEPTING A BRIBE OF \$40 FROM HO WING ON BOARD THE S.S. FATSHAN ON JULY 10.

Mr. D'Almada appeared on behalf of the accused, while the Crown was represented by Mr. M. J. Abbott, Assistant Crown Solicitor.

Mui Tok, fruit-stall holder on board the s.s. Fatshan, was further cross-examined by Mr. D'Almada this morning, after which Lo Fong, manager of the Kwong Shing Heung firm, testified that he bought the wolfram through Ho Wing, who transacted business in the name of Wing Kee.

C.R.O. STORY

Chinese Revenue Officer No. 110, Leung Choi, stated, in answer to Mr. Abbott, that about 6.30 a.m. on July 10 he boarded the s.s. Fatshan accompanied by the accused. Witness went to the steerage deck, and, as he was going up the gangway, near the fruit-stall, he saw two baskets. While witness was testing the weight of the baskets, a passenger came up and told witness that his name was Kwan Yiu, and that the baskets contained wolfram. It appeared that the passenger owned the baskets. Witness then ordered him to open the baskets.

Accused then appeared and asked for bail of \$50. Accused spoke in Chinese, and said: "No \$50 bail; all will be taken to the office." After this, accused requested witness to call the compradore, but while on his way to call the compradore, Major called him back.

OFFER ALLEGED

In the presence of accused, Kwan Yiu, the passenger, said that he would give accused \$10 "to drink tea." Accused replied that he wanted \$40. Kwan Yiu was reluctant but agreed to pay the money. He then went and borrowed some money from the fruit-stall keeper.

Accused asked witness to accept the money on his behalf. Witness did as he was asked. Witness placed the money in his trousers' pocket and then left, accompanied by accused, walking towards the bow of the ship. While walking, accused asked witness where the money was. Witness gave it to accused. Accused broke open two rolls of five-cent coins and put the money in his pocket, after he ordered witness back to the wharf.

Accused demanded the money, and if witness had said at the Magistracy that the offer was first made by Kwan Yiu it was not true. It was accused who mentioned the amount first, and he was with him all the time. C. R. O. 70 was not present.

COUNSEL'S SUBMISSION

At the close of the Crown's case, Mr. D'Almada submitted there was no case to go to the jury. In the absence of the jury who were told to retire, Counsel contended that the charge being one of accepting a bribe the Crown had chosen to prove its case by the evidence of an accomplice who was uncorroborated. From that point of view, assuming that the case would go before the jury, His Lordship would, undoubtedly, exercise his discretion in advising them not to convict. The evidence of C. R. O. 110 and that of the other witnesses for the prosecution was a mass of contradictions; further, what C. R. O. 110 now said contradicted what he had stated at the Magistracy. On the uncorroborated evidence of an accomplice the jury must be warned of the danger to convict, but when an accomplice contradicted himself, His Lordship must be entitled to apply the same test as justice would apply in a committal case, and asked himself if a prima facie case had been made out on evidence of a reasonable degree of credit. If that test was applied, the answer would be that the case could not go before the jury because of the numerous contradictions and because of the fact that C. R. O. 110 and Li Kai were accomplices.

PREVIOUS CASE

Another aspect, which he would submit with some hesitancy, was that it would be difficult indeed to get the jury to dismiss from their minds anything they might have heard or read in the newspaper of the previous case. The Chief Justice remarked that such an argument could not be put forward, whereupon Mr. D'Almada withdrew it.

Continuing, Counsel said that the Crown had frankly admitted they had

a witness who could not be relied upon, before the opening of the case. Under the circumstances, the only effect would be, if the case came before the jury, to prolong the ordeal and suspense of the accused.

OVERRULED

Mr. Abbott said that even though His Lordship had the right to exercise his discretion in advising the jury not to convict, it was within the province of the jury to disregard that advice and register a conviction. Under the circumstances, the case should be brought before the jury, he submitted.

His Lordship remarked he was unable to hold that there was no direct evidence against defendant, and therefore there was a case to go to the jury.

Accused then gave evidence, and stated that on the morning in question he was standing near the searching table on the wharf when the s.s. Fatshan arrived. C. R. O's 110 and 70 were with him.

ON THE BOAT

He first went to the crew's quarters and when he reached the fruit-stall he saw C.R.O. 70 near C.R.O. 70 drew accused's attention by saying, "Inspector, there are two bags of wolfram here." He showed accused where the bags were. They were concealed behind the wooden counter of the stall. C.R.O. 70 opened the baskets and accused saw that the contents were wolfram ore. The quantity amounted to about 30 pounds in all. C.R.O. 70 said that the wolfram belonged to the stall holder. On being questioned as to whether the wolfram was on manifest the stall holder made no reply whereupon accused told C.R.O. 70 to call the compradore and to get the ship's manifest.

The wolfram was not on the manifest. Accused did not look at the manifest as he was satisfied with the compradore's reply. The compradore said that as the quantity was so small it was quite probable that the wolfram belonged to the folks of the stall. Accused warned the stall holder that he would be arrested and the goods confiscated should he do so again.

Witness decided not to "bring in" the wolfram because the quantity was so small. He then left the place and entered the first class saloon where he had a cup of tea, after which he left the ship.

DID NOT SEE C.R.O. 110

Accused did not see C.R.O. 110 on board the ship, but met him again at the searching table on the wharf when accused left the ship. He ordered C.R.O. 112 to stay on the wharf and search the luggage of the remaining passengers and ordered the other Officers to go to the Macao wharf as the Macao ship was coming in.

Accused stated that the evidence given previously by C.R.O. 110 was "absolute lies." Witness did not demand any money from anyone on board the ship nor did he receive any money from anyone.

Accused recalled the occasion when Mr. Buller spoke to him about the slackness of the Chinese Officers. As a result of this, accused smartened up the Chinese officers, and made them search the ships more diligently and carefully, ordering them to search the engine rooms, and, in general giving them harder work to do. The two Chinese officers who showed most slackness in their work were C.R.O. 45 and C.R.O. 110.

ACCUSED'S DISCRETION

Accused said he had always exercised discretion regarding seizure of small quantities of unmanifested cargo. According to accused's knowledge, other Revenue Officers exercised the same discretion.

Cross-examined by Mr. Abbott, accused said he was not doing wrong in exercising his discretion regarding seizure of unmanifested cargo. Accused gathered from talks with other Revenue officers that it was a common practise among all Revenue Officers, and Mr. Buller knew that this discretion was exercised.

Accused added that he used his discretion and did not search the ship. He was also very tired having been on duty since the night before.

Mr. Abbott and Mr. D'Almada then addressed the jury.

ENDEAVOUR PASSES THE LIZARD

London, To-day.
Endeavour I, Mr. T. O. M. Top-
with's yacht which was missing
for some time after having broken
her towline during an Atlantic
storm, passed the Lizard yester-
day morning.
She was expected to arrive in
Gosport sometime last evening.
—Renter.

JUNK OUTRAGE INQUIRY HERE: CERTAIN FACTS

London, To-day.
In connection with the incident in
which a Japanese submarine was re-
ported to have sunk Chinese fishing
junks with heavy loss of life, it
is understood that "certain facts"
have been reported by the German
liner "Scharnhorst," and the British
colonial authorities in Hong Kong
are holding an inquiry. —British
Wireless.

Nothing has yet been decided as
to where the inquiry into the re-
ported sinking of a Chinese fishing
fleet by a Japanese submarine is to
be held.

The "China Mail" understands,
however, that the inquiry may be
held either by the Naval authorities,
the Attorney-General's office or the
Harbour Office.

Officers of the Water Police are
already carrying out a preliminary
investigation. When this has been
completed the reports will be for-
warded to the Government for fur-
ther action.

LAICHIKOK CONDITIONS

To the Editor of the "North-
China Daily News."

Sir, — The description of condi-
tions at the British Refugee Camp
at Laichikok Gaol contained in a
letter received by "Indignant" from
his wife tallies with that which I
just received from my family. I was
further informed that they had just
left "that unspeakable place" for
the back room of a small Chinese
flat in Kowloon.

Is it the idea to force evacuees
out of the camp, to fend for them-
selves or is it merely the degenera-
tion of what was the first flush of
interest and enthusiasm into disin-
terestedness and indifference?
Whichever it might be, the authori-
ties responsible are reminded of
their duty to this distressed com-
munity, many of whom may not
possibly be able to afford the luxury
of a small back room in a Chinese
flat.

SYMPATHETIC.

AT GOSPORT TO-DAY

London, To-day.
The racing yacht, Endeavour I,
lost for thirteen days in the At-
lantic is expected to make Gosport
at about noon to-day. Great crowds
are assembling to watch her ar-
rival. —British Wireless.

GLOSTER FIGHTERS FOR CHINA

London, To-day.
It is officially announced that the
contract between the Gloster Air-
craft Company and the Chinese Gov-
ernment for the delivery of Gloster
Gladiator fighter planes was arrang-
ed long before the present hostili-
ties.

Two mechanics will accompany the
machines and will assemble them.
There is no question, it is stated,
of British pilots flying the planes.
—Renter.

BLOCKADE QUESTION

London, To-day.
The official denial that British
pilots will fly the Gloster fighter
planes which are to be delivered to
China, followed many rumours in
the press that the machines would
be flown to China in an effort to
defeat the Japanese blockade.

The "Exchange Telegraph" news
agency says that the British Gov-
ernment would not approve of the
sending of British pilots with the
machines. —Trans-Ocean.

MORE JAPANESE WARSHIPS IN THIS AREA

Swatow, To-day.
Six Japanese warships were re-
ported sighted off Swatow proceed-
ing southwards yesterday afternoon.
Last night, another report stated
that two of the six ships had an-
chored outside Makung Bay, while
the other continued their voyage to-
wards the Hong Kong zone. —Our
Own Correspondent.

RECRUITING FOR ARMY

London, To-day.
Army recruiting continues at a
higher level. The total recruits
for all arms for last week was 535
against 417 last year. The
London district recruited 71, an in-
crease of 16 over the same week of
last year.

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applied to rejoin the Colours under
the Long Service Scheme, of whom
2,001 have now rejoined. —British
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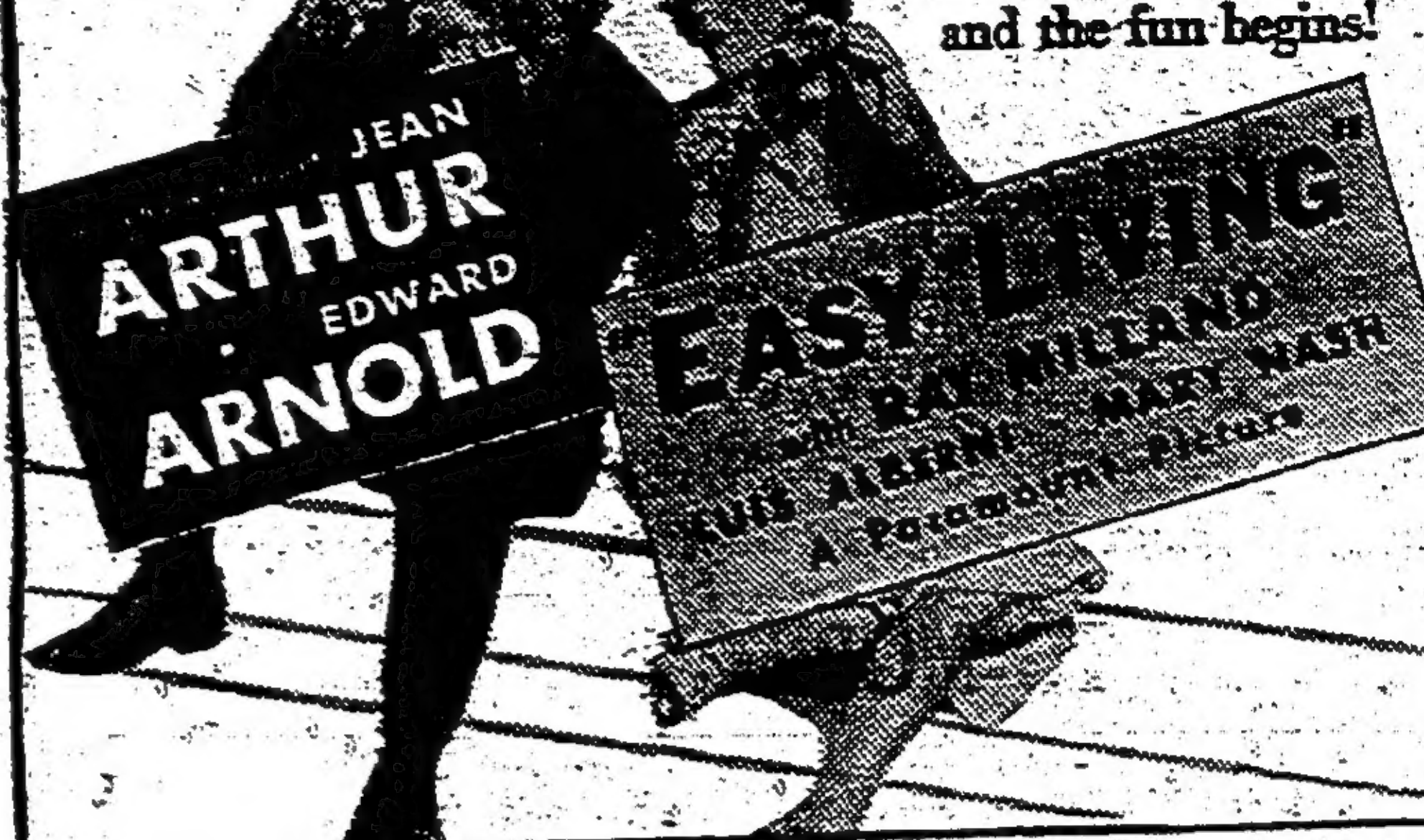
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SIGNOR MUSSOLINI'S TRIUMPHAL RETURN TO ROME: REBIRTH OF EUROPE

Rome, To-day.

Signor Mussolini's triumphal entry into Rome following his visit to Germany took place yesterday evening, when church bells and syrens mingled with the cheers of thousands in the streets as the Duce's special train pulled into the station at 6.30.

All shops, offices and factories were closed at 1 o'clock to give the people the opportunity to join in the demonstration, and the entire city was bedecked with Italian and German Swastika flags.

The Duce left the station by car under a 100-feet high triumphal arch constructed in the shape of the letter M.

The Duce drove to the Piazza Venezia, outside which thousands packed the square and cheered him until he appeared on the balcony.

IL DUCE'S SPEECH

The Duce, in a short speech to the crowd, spoke of the results of his German visit and the impressions he had gained.

"I bring from Germany and from my unforgettable conversations with the Fuehrer a deep impression and unforgettable memories," he stated.

"Italo-German friendship, sealed in the policy of the Berlin-Rome axis, has penetrated deep into the hearts of both peoples during these past days, and will remain there.

"This friendship is closely connected with the re-birth of Europe."
—Trans-Ocean.

BOYCOTT OF ITALIAN SHIPS AT TUNIS

TUNIS, TO-DAY.

BOYCOTT OF ITALIAN SHIPS IN ALL TUNISIAN PORTS HAS BEEN DECREED BY THE DOCKERS' SYNDICATE HERE FOLLOWING THE RECENT DISORDERS IN WHICH ITALIAN NAVAL CADETS WERE IMPLICATED AND IN THE COURSE OF WHICH ONE ANTI-FASCIST WAS KILLED.

Among the victims of the boycott is the Italian steamer "Citta di Palermo," which carries out a regular mail, passenger and cargo service between Naples and Tunis, via Palermo, and which arrived here yesterday with 712 passengers on board.

BOYCOTT SPREADS

The passengers were permitted to land but dockers refused to unload the cargo of over 500 tons, of which 64 tons consist of perishable goods.

In consequence the steamer will be compelled to return to Palermo with its cargo undelivered.

Other Italian steamers have also been prevented from discharging their cargo, and the boycott movement has spread to other ports.—Trans-Ocean.

CHURCH DECREE BOMBSHELL

Berlin, To-day.

Spiritual life of the Opposition Evangelical Church is largely paralysed by a decree issued by the chief of the secret police yesterday.

The decree dissolves the Church's theological seminaries and forbids examination of students.—Reuter.

PROTESTANT CONFESSIONAL CHURCH ACTION

Berlin, To-day.

Various measures against the Protestant Confessional Church have been taken by the leader of the Storm Troops and the chief of the German police, Herr Himmler.

These measures, which are based on the decree concerning protection of the nation and the State, provide for dissolution of "substitute" theological faculties which were founded in a number of German towns, as well as of working communities of the Confessional Church, of its student organisation and of its teaching and examination boards.

An edict issued by Herr Himmler yesterday states that the attitude assumed by the organs of the Confessional Church in creating special bodies for training and examination of theologians, and in disregarding the institutions established by the State for that purpose, constitutes a deliberate offence against the decree providing for the security of the German Evangelical Church.—Trans-Ocean.

CORFU SAILING LATER

It is announced by the P. and O. Company that the s.s. "Corfu" will sail for London at 3 p.m. to-morrow instead of noon.

RIVER SHIPPING STOPPED

No Traffic Permitted As From 6 a.m. To-Day

BELIEVED SEQUEL TO WHAMPOA AIR RAIDS

All river traffic between Hong Kong and Canton was compulsorily suspended this morning, following the action of the Canton authorities in completely blocking the river between Bocca Tigris and Canton.

It is understood that the blockship closing the narrow channel left open when the river was partially boomed recently, was sunk at about six a.m. to-day, on the orders of the Fourth Route Army.

No official announcement has been made to explain the action and it is not known how long the closing of the river will be maintained.

An unconfirmed report from Amoy, however, states that a large Japanese aircraft-carrier was sighted steaming south late yesterday afternoon, and Canton official quarters are stated to be gravely concerned regarding the report.

Fears are entertained that her arrival presages intensified raids on Canton and possibly more serious attacks on Hoihow and Pakhoi.

NOTICE TO MARINERS

The following Notice to Mariners was issued by the Harbour Office this morning:

"An order has been received from the 4th Route Army that navigation between Canton and Bocca Tigris has been suspended as from 6 a.m. to-day (Friday).

"This appears to be the result of air attacks on warships at Whampoa.

"It is not yet known if this is a temporary order."

The Notice was apparently issued on the authority of the Senior Naval Officer, West River.

The Harbour Office apparently received advance information, for Boarding Officers, on instructions, were stopping all ships from proceeding to Canton as from midnight.

GUNBOATS TIED DOWN

Canton, 11.35 a.m.

The news of the stoppage of traffic in the Pearl River is causing considerable interest here, where it is hoped that the measure is only temporary.

Meanwhile, in Canton there are six British vessels, including three river steamers and four gunboats, the British ships Tarantula and Robin, the French Argus and the American Mindanao.

It is understood that there are two other British gunboats somewhere on the Canton side of the obstruction.

At Whampoa, there are three Norwegian vessels, three British and two others, believed to be French.—Reuter.

The B.L. s.s. "Santhia" will leave for Singapore, Port Swettenham, Penang Rangoon and Calcutta on or about Thursday, October 7, at 10.30 a.m.

NEXT YEAR'S AIR LINERS

Big French Orders

Replacements by more advanced types of the air liners in use in many countries are now in the workshops. Imperial Airways will soon take delivery of the last of the 28 Empire flying boats and put into service the new Armstrong-Whitworth four-engined land aeroplanes.

British Airways, compelled to use a few foreign machines to maintain essential services, has ordered the D. H. "Albatross" four-engined type, a British machine, first designed for the Air Ministry's Atlantic experiments.

Air France is continuing a bold progressive policy, and has ordered a number of four-engined Farman air-liners, with seats for 40, a bar, a reading-room, and other ample accommodation. These will be put on the London-Paris service, and will make the journey in 80 minutes.

Air France has also ordered 15 Bloch 220 air liners, which have a maximum speed of about 200 miles an hour and carry 15 passengers. These are for the Paris-Lyons-Marseilles line.

Twenty-one Dewoitine 338's, have been ordered for the services to the East and across the South Atlantic. They are 22-seaters on the Western route, and carry eight sleeping berths and seats for 12 passengers on the route to the Far East.

A number of Loire 47 flying boats are being built for the South Atlantic service between Dakar and Brazil.

WHAMPOA SUFFERS IN RAID

Canton, To-day.

According to reports just received in Canton, Whampoa had a bad time during yesterday's aerial activities.

One bomb fell through the roof of the Military Academy, whilst a second sloop was sunk as well as a number of smaller craft in the harbour.—Reuter.

AMBASSADOR ARRIVING IN FALMOUTH

The Commander-in-Chief, Admiral Sir Charles Little, is expected to make a tour of the coastal ports, Foochow, Swatow and Amoy, in the near future, returning to Shanghai about October 18.

Sir Hughe Knatchbull-Hugessen, British Ambassador to China, accompanied by Lady Knatchbull-Hugessen and his daughter, is expected to arrive in Hong Kong on or about October 7 on H.M.S. Falmouth, this being the first part of a convalescing voyage to the Dutch East Indies.

CONTEST FOR TOWN DESIGN

London Architects Win

Three London architects have won the first prize of £500 offered by the Aberdeen Town Council for the design of a new satellite town at Kincorth, on the south side of the River Dee.

The contest, which brought entries from all parts of Britain, was won by Mr. Clifford Holliday, M.Arch., F.R.I.B.A., Mr. R. Gardner-Medwin, B.Arch., A.R.I.B.A., and Mr. Denis Winston, B.Arch., A.R.I.B.A., of Suffolk-street, Pall-mall, London.

A London woman architect, working with a man, has won the second prize of £200. She is Miss Ruth Ellis, and her partner is Mr. L. H. Bucknell, F.R.I.B.A., of Bedford-gardens, London.

The new satellite town—the first of its kind in Scotland—will have 400 houses to accommodate a population of 2,000.

SHORT, SHARP 7 A.M. RAID ON TUNGSHAN AREA

Canton, To-day.

Shortly after an air raid alarm had sounded at 6.50 this morning the din of aerial warfare broke out and lasted several minutes.

Action took place east of the city, apparently in the neighbourhood of Tungshan, while the hum of planes was also distinctly audible.

A foreigner phoned Reuter's office from Whampoa this morning stating that he witnessed five Japanese planes flying over the harbour on their return journey.

However, the raiders dropped no bombs at Whampoa.

At present all is quiet and the all clear sounded at 8.45.—Reuter.

SHEKPAI RAIDED

Canton, To-day.

It transpires that in the first raid this morning, three sea-planes dropped bombs, apparently on the aerodrome, in the vicinity of Shekpai. The aerodrome was empty.

A foreigner witnessed the machines circling and then going into power dives before dropping several bombs. The damage, however, is alleged to have been only slight.

A second alarm was sounded, the all clear being given at 9.30.—Reuter.

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THE Japanese Consul General in Shanghai in a lengthy statement to the newspapers has this to say about local journalists.

Many of the foreign journalists in Shanghai have degraded a noble calling by prostituting their pens in gross misrepresentation, using the contemptible device of the half truth, and the suggestion of the false. A comparison of their published accounts of current "war news" with the confirmed events will show their dishonesty, as they cannot blame these discrepancies entirely on the unreliability of Chinese communications. They are rendering a grave disservice to their nationals and to the cause of international peace with all it connotes, especially in a cosmopolitan place like Shanghai. Blind prejudice and self-interest are the mainsprings of their canards, palpable to all but those who share their aberrations.

All of which reminds us of a story:—

An actor out of work—"resting," if you please,—was walking

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moodily along a street when he was accosted by a lady.

"It's no use m'dear. I'm just a poor actor out of work."

"And I'm a poor girl who can't make a living."

"Shake hands m'dear. Members of two of the oldest professions ruined by these encarnadined amateurs."

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More Progress

Many of us who took the trouble to be born beautiful and with loads of personality—or so we believe—have been depressed by the film expert who said that the camera "can convert the plain, freckled woman into a glamorous star." More, he said that sound, while yet incapable of working miracles, "can already modify a strident voice into a pleasant one and make a mumbling actor understandable."

Still more, he said "We are only at the beginning of the possibilities."

It seems, then, that the stars of the future, off the screen, will really have faces like pies and voices like a peacock's. Our only hope, with our natural beauty, will be to double for them in public.

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These Military Dicta

It was a bright lad who remarked that an army marches on its stomach, but we have never yet seen a military tummy soled and heeled.

Then there was another cove who stated that Waterloo was won on the playing fields of Eton. It is remarks like this that make the Borstal boys class conscious.

And how about every soldier carrying a field marshal's baton in his knapsack, when all a good soldier asks for now is a really useful entrenching tool?

In Europe a motorist drove into a carload of 27 people, injuring 17 of them. He is convinced that he

could improve on these figures if he had a bigger car.

The cabin of a liner was used in all the scenes of a new play. Some critic is bound to say it is all "bunk."

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Each of the guests at a dance held at a club was supposed to represent a nursery rhyme character. A lady in a very décolleté evening dress was presumed to have gone as Mother Hubbard's cupboard.

An "influenza" foxtrot has been written by a modernist composer.

It ought to prove catching.

"Give me the type of business man who says what he wants to say and then stops," says a merchant. But surely the one is preferable who says it and then goes.

Glossary

Swing music, which is a development from jazz music, has a language of its own that cannot fail to delight those who have an appreciation of words.

Should you ever find yourself in

the company of swing music fans, I advise you to memorise this list. Otherwise you'll have to hire an interpreter.

Cats Dance musicians.
Piston Trumpet.
Agony-pipe Clarinet.
Wopstick Ditto.
Licorice stick Ditto.
Gobblepipe Saxophone.
Dog house Bass viol.
Pushpipe Trombone.
Grunt-iron Tuba.

My own winner in the above list is "Grunt-iron," hotly followed by "Agony-pipe."



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LEAGUE'S SPAIN RESOLUTION

Several Countries Abstain From Recording Vote

SIX MAIN POINTS IN DOCUMENT

Geneva, To-day.

The text of the resolution on Spain, to be presented to the League Assembly, was published late last night.

There are six points:

1. The Assembly declares its agreement with the position taken up by the Council, namely, that it is the duty of every State to respect the territorial integrity and political independence of every other State, a duty recognised by the League Covenant as devolving upon all its members.

2. The Assembly declares that every State is under the obligation to refrain from interference in the internal affairs of other States.

3. The Assembly recalls the special obligations undertaken by European Governments to restrict the Spanish conflict and thus maintain peace in the rest of the world.

4. The Assembly regrets that a section of foreign armies at present are on Spanish soil, this constituting foreign interference in Spanish affairs.

5. The Assembly expresses the sincere hope that diplomatic action recently begun by several Powers will lead to immediate and complete withdrawal of those non-Spanish combatants now taking part in hostilities in Spain.

6. The Assembly appeals to all Governments concerned to undertake new serious efforts in this direction and to take cognisance of the fact that, if such a result cannot be attained in the near future, those League members signatories of the non-intervention agreement will seriously consider termination of non-intervention.—Trans-Ocean.

ABSTAINERS

Geneva, To-day.

Austria, Hungary, Ireland, Bulgaria and Portugal abstained from voting in the sixth League committee on the resolution on Spain, which was adopted.

South Africa reserved its vote.—Reuter.

Geneva, To-day.

The drafting committee of the League Committee on Political Questions, reached agreement yesterday concerning the text of the resolution to be presented to the plenary Assembly on the Spanish problem.

Controversy was focussed mainly on the demand of the Valencia Government for recognition of "Italian and German aggression" against Republican Spain, and for unrestricted supply of war material to the loyalists.

THE FUTURE

According to well-informed circles the resolution approved contents itself with the expression "foreign intervention," and foreshadows the possibility of abolition of the obligations imposed by non-intervention in the event of diplomatic negotiations for withdrawal of foreign volunteers failing to reach a successful conclusion at an early date.

In this event, the member States of the League which are also represented on the non-intervention committee, would under the terms

of the resolution examine the question of whether the non-intervention policy should be definitely regarded as untenable.—Trans-Ocean.

FRANCO-BRITISH ASSURANCE

Determined On Ending Volunteer Issue

London, To-day.

The threat that unless foreign volunteers are withdrawn from Spain, the non-intervention policy will be abandoned, which was included in the Geneva committee resolution, is featured prominently in all the London papers.

The news agency, Exchange Telegraph, declares that the British and French representatives on the Geneva committee, assured the Valencia Government's representative, Senor Alvarez del Vayo, that non-intervention would be definitely discontinued should the negotiations for withdrawal of foreign volunteers fail.

In such case, France would immediately declare the Franco-Spanish frontier open.

It is stated that agreement on a period of one month for evidence of definite progress on withdrawal of volunteers, has been reached.—Trans-Ocean.

LUFTHANSA PLANE AT TEHERAN

Teheran, To-day.

The German Lufthansa plane, Rudolf von Thuna, made a short landing here yesterday.

The Rudolf von Thuna was the plane held by the East Turkestan authorities for nearly four weeks, and is now on her way home to Berlin via Kabul and Teheran.

The crew of the great four-engined plane were welcomed at the aerodrome by members of the German colony in Teheran.—Trans-Ocean.

Berlin, To-day.

At the personal order of the Duce, the Councillor at the Italian Embassy yesterday handed to Herr Hitler a portrait of the Duce bearing in his own hand the inscription "To the Fuehrer and Chancellor of the Third Reich in cordial friendship—Mussolini."—Trans-Ocean.

ITALIAN SEAPLANE CRASHES

Rome, To-day.

Eight were killed and one injured when an Italian naval seaplane crashed at the naval base at Spezia yesterday.

The plane struck the roof of a warehouse on the quay and crashed into a group of recruits who were engaged in drilling.

The observer of the plane and seven of the recruits were killed, while the pilot escaped with injuries.—Reuter.

GLASS LOUNGE IN NEW LINER

5-Room Suites With Pantry

I have just travelled in a British ship that provides a striking object lesson on how the interior architecture and decoration of a liner should be carried out, writes a correspondent.

The vessel is the new Orient liner Orcades, which, after conveying an enthusiastic inspection party of artists and architects from Tilbury to Southampton, has left on her maiden voyage, a holiday cruise.

The Orcades is notable not for her size—23,390 tons—nor her speed—21 knots—but entirely for her comfort and for the decorative scheme and the furniture. The theme throughout is uncompromising modernism, but on a subdued note.

The main lounge, for example, has walls almost entirely of glass. Great windows stretch in uninterrupted ranges for nearly 100ft down each side, and the entrance doors are screened by mirrors.

14ft Wall Painting

At one end of the room is a 14ft wall painting by John Armstrong. The subject is a herd of wild horses, done in a highly formalised style, with subdued colours and a matt surface.

The furniture is bleached walnut and the rugs deep maroon and blue. Bright colour is provided by curtains of coral red, azure blue and maroon.

One of the most effective decorations is in the spacious tourist-class cafe, where there is a symbolic painting of the Orkneys—called by the Romans the Orcades. It has been done by John Hutton.

Imaginative use has been made

ANTI-PIRACY PATROL PLAN OUTLINED

Paris, To-day.

Although the text of the anti-piracy agreement has not been published, French circles state that the various zones of patrol have been definitely established.

In Western Mediterranean waters around Gibraltar, patrol has been entrusted to Britain, the sea routes to Algeria, especially from Marseilles, to France and the entire Tyrrhenian Sea around Sardinia and Sicily, as well as the Iranian and Adriatic to Italy.

Italy has also been assigned the zone along the Tripolitan coast and Egypt as far as Port Said, so that she controls the routes to Italian East Africa and Tripoli.

The Aegean is under British control as far as Port Said, while France is to control the zone from Port Said along the Syrian coast.—Trans-Ocean.

GERMANY AND NYON PLAN

Berlin, To-day.

Germany welcomes agreement between Britain, France and Italy regarding control in the Mediterranean, since any solution of the question without the co-operation of Italy would necessarily have to be fragmentary.

On the other hand, agreement between the three Powers would furnish guarantees of useful future collaboration in the difficult matter of mutual adjustment of the respective interests.—Trans-Ocean.

of glass everywhere. In the first-class cafe there is a huge green glass screen with a new type of surface, representing leaves, lit from behind, and in the halls and corridors there are numerous small and attractive glass decorations.

There are a number of "floating flats," consisting of a living-room, cabins with twin beds, bathroom, hall, boxroom and pantry.

The supervision of the decoration and furnishing of the ship was entrusted to Mr. Brian O'Rourke, the young architect who was responsible for the interiors of the Orcades' sister ship, the Orion.

Doors made of elm from the foundations of old Waterloo Bridge and wood of the London plane tree from Hampstead are among the traditional old English timbers used in the decorations.

The Orcades was built by Vickers-Armstrong, Ltd., at Barrow-in-Furness.



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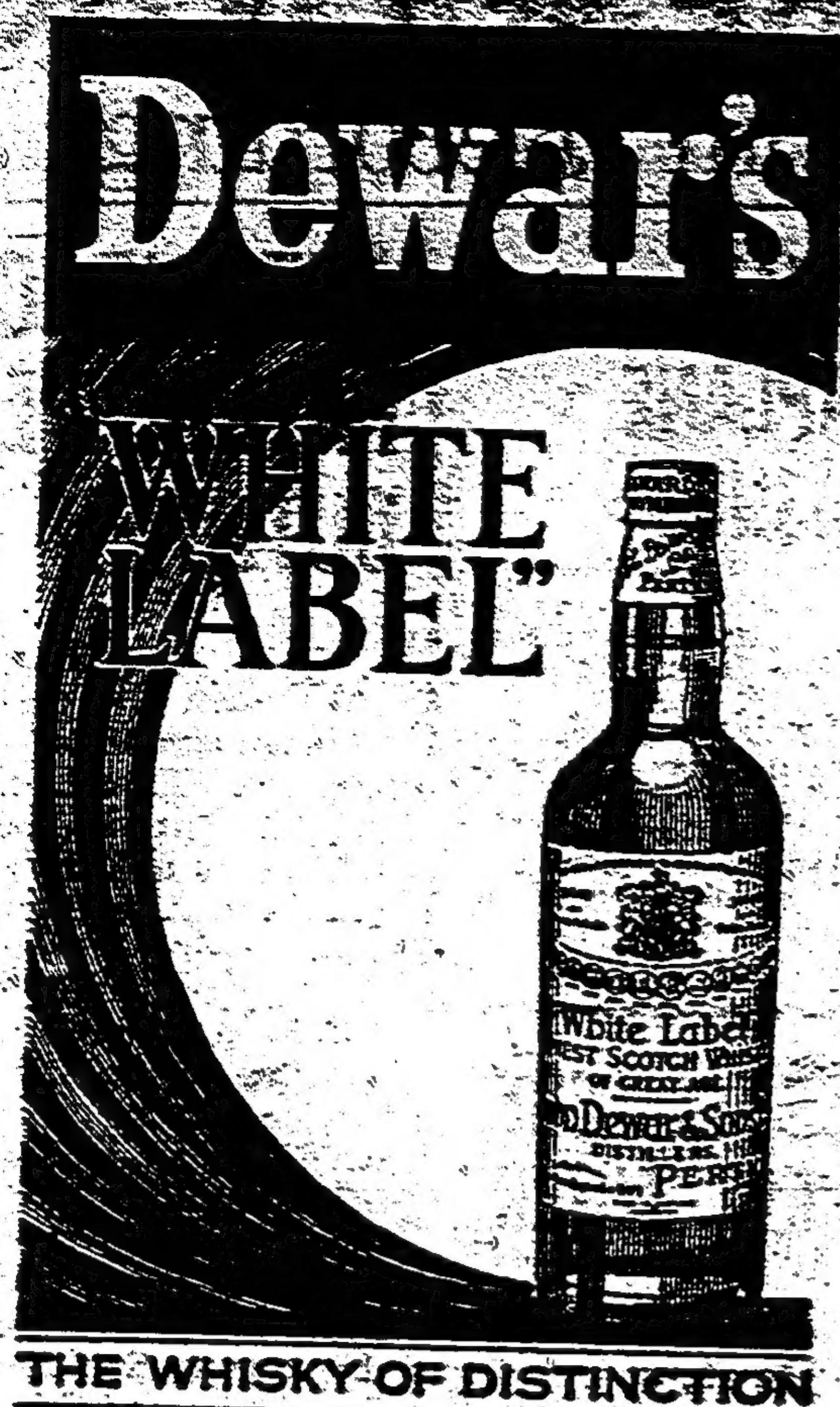
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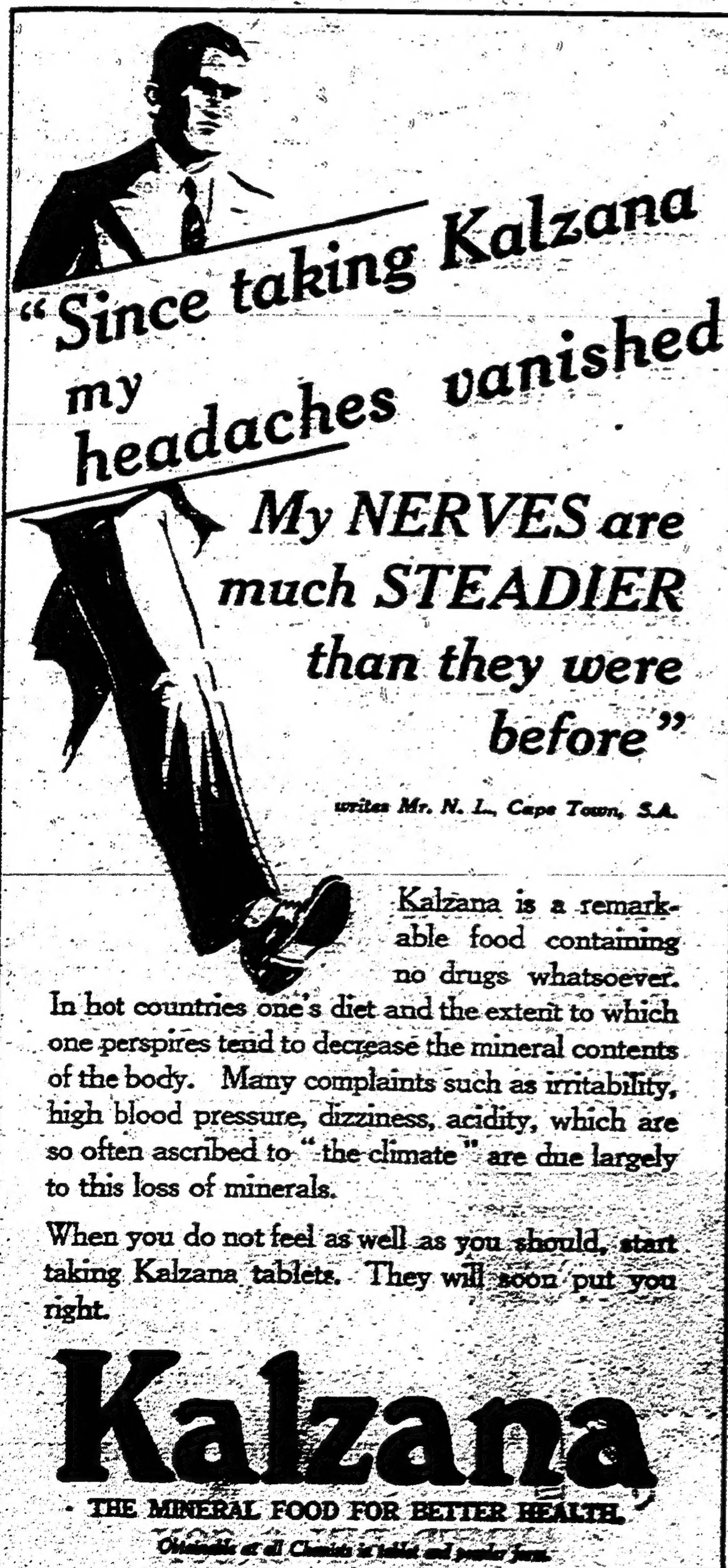
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BERLIN, ROME AND MEDITERRANEAN

If in the visit of Signor Mussolini to Berlin there was any profound significance, other than a carefully stage-managed demonstration of Italo-German solidarity in outlook, it was not revealed in either the speeches of Signor Mussolini or of Herr Adolf Hitler, and Il Duce goes back to Italy with some realities to face. That which is of principle importance seems to be Germany's indication of a complete absence of interest in the Mediterranean, a fact which adds to Italy's need for an understanding with Britain. This, too, is an observation which might be said to apply, equally and at all points, to the problem of Spain. Circumstantially or providentially, the Nyon re-arrangement paves the way to successful negotiations. No difficulty was experienced with the technical issues, and the ready concession to the Italian viewpoint cannot have failed to make its impression. The next move, coming from Britain and France, is to be the presentation of a Note to Italy on the Spanish issue, and upon the results will depend, undoubtedly, the comfort of Europe for some time to come. According to circles close to the British Government, the Note will be firmly worded and will request in diplomatic language, that all cards be laid on the table regarding support for the belligerents in the civil war. Its timing suggests many things, including a fair appreciation of the trend of the Hitler-Mussolini conversations.

Meanwhile, there can be no contesting the earnestness of the Government of the United Kingdom to put an end to its Mediterranean preoccupations and to supplement the so-called Gentlemen's Agreement of last January.

It is no longer any secret that that particular Anglo-Italian Mediterranean understanding received a different interpretation in the two countries. Britain was annoyed to discover that at the very moment of signing the "Gentlemen's Agreement" that was to cover all Mediterranean questions Italy had violated its spirit by landing a new batch of volunteers in Spain. Britain stood by and saw speedily enough that the new Italian imperialism was more and more identifying itself with one of the parties in the Spanish war, and that a hostile Spain, backed by Fascist Italy, might seriously disturb the bal-

ance of power in the Mediterranean. Italy, further, having sent large forces in Libya, months after the tension caused in the Mediterranean by the Italo-Ethiopian War has disappeared, recently sent a few more, while only quite recently has she suspended violent anti-British propaganda in the Near and Middle East by daily radiocasts in Arabic from Bari.

Italy, on her part, considered the January agreement merely as a preliminary step to the formal British recognition of the Fascist conquest of Ethiopia, and was shocked to find that instead of granting it the British Government had invited "Mr. Tafari" to send a representative to the Coronation of King George VI, in his capacity of Emperor of Ethiopia. Moreover — and this perhaps was the most serious aspect of the Anglo-Italian problem — many Fascists, including some highly-placed responsible statesmen, interpreted British rearmament as the first step to a settlement of accounts with Italy for the conquest of Ethiopia and the humiliation inflicted upon Britain in the diplomatic struggle of 1935-36. It is reported on good authority that Signor Mussolini was so obsessed with the idea that Britain was preparing to attack Italy that he wrote to Herr Hitler to inquire whether Germany would support Italy if she were attacked by Britain. It was in these circumstances that the British Foreign Secretary made that momentous statement on Anglo-Italian relations in the British House of Commons on July 19 which paved the way for a reconciliation.

Italians, it is hardly surprising, are somewhat puzzled by the unexpected development in their country's relations with Britain. They have been trained for so long to consider Britain as Italy's "Public Enemy Number One" that there is a certain amount of justified scepticism about this sudden change of the situation — even though the Italian people as a whole have welcomed it as a reassuring sign that peace is no longer threatened by the menace of an Anglo-Italian conflict.

Perhaps it may be wise to remember that the real differences, such as they are, remain unchanged by an exchange of courtesies. International politeness which consists simply in ignoring serious problems is, after all, of little use to anyone. There are certainly serious problems between Italy and Britain, which the "Gentlemen's Agreement" failed to solve. Why? Simply because the most ticklish questions were left aside. Mussolini's Italy of 1937 is not the Italy of 1934, nor that of 1919, and still less that of 1914. She is now a important power. She has a big empire in Africa. Freedom of transit in the Mediterranean and the Red Sea is now as vital to her as it is to Britain. If neither country has any ulterior motives, as they both proclaim, it should not be exceedingly difficult to reach an honourable understanding consisting in the mutual recognition and respect of their rights and interests in both the Mediterranean and the Red Seas. Certainly the problems concerning Britain and Italy cannot be settled by mere exchanges of courtesies, unless these are accompanied by a sincere and determined will to peace.

JAPAN'S REPLIES TO AIR RAID OUTRAGE CHARGES

"Greatly Regrets Civilian Casualties In China"

FURTHER DENIAL OF NEARBY JUNK MASSACRE

London, To-day.

"The Japanese air force in China has consistently made Chinese troops and military establishments the objectives of attack," says a statement by the Japanese Embassy in London.

"It is greatly to be regretted that many civilian casualties should have occurred.

"In view of these unfortunate incidents the Japanese air force has again been strictly instructed to take every precaution to avoid destruction of life and property of civilians."

The statement complains of "wildly exaggerated reports," for example, the report that 3,000 were killed in the air raid on Canton on September 23, and gives a list of establishments which it declares are objectives of air attacks on Nanking, Canton and Hankow.

The statement declares that as Japanese submarines have been strictly forbidden to attack merchantmen, junks and so forth, and that no Japanese submarine was operating in the locality, it was absolutely impossible that any attack, such as was alleged to have occurred near Hong Kong on September 22, could ever have been made.—Reuter.

GENEVA STATEMENT

Geneva, To-day.

A Japanese spokesman in Geneva yesterday issued a statement, on similar lines to that issued by a Foreign Office spokesman in Tokyo, in regard to the League Assembly's condemnation of Japanese bombing.

The spokesman added that air bombings would be continued if necessary.—Reuter.

NANKING BOMBING INDISPENSABLE

Japanese Reply To Protests

Tokyo, To-day.

The Foreign Minister, Mr. Koki Hirota, yesterday handed to the Ambassadors of Britain, France and the United States the Japanese reply to the Powers' Notes protesting against the bombardment of Nanking.

The reply affirms that the Chinese capital is one of the most important bases of Chinese military operations.

Hence, it says, bombing of military objectives there is indispensable for the attainment of Japanese military aims.

"WARNING" GIVEN

Warning was given beforehand to the foreign Powers by the Japanese Government of impending bombing and was intended to afford the possibility of protecting the life

MANCHUKUO REINFORCEMENT DENIAL

Tokyo, To-day.

The War Office denies as unfounded a statement attributed to a Japanese spokesman in Shanghai that over 20,000 troops are being sent to Manchukuo.—Reuter.

and property and other interests of foreign nationals.

The reply states that the Japanese Government continues to adhere to the principle several times enunciated by it, that the interests of third parties must be protected as far as possible.

FOREIGN LOSSES

With regard to damage suffered by foreign nationals in the course of fighting in China, the Japanese Government maintains unchanged the standpoint it has often defined in the past.

The Japanese Government expresses the hope that the three Powers will collaborate with it and that understanding will be shown for the measures taken by Japan.—Trans-Ocean.

FUEHRER GIVEN INVITATION TO RETURN VISIT

Berlin, To-day.

It was stated in Berlin yesterday that Signor Mussolini, during his stay in Germany, invited Herr Hitler to visit him again in Italy.

The Duce renewed this invitation in a farewell telegram to Herr Hitler from the Austro-German frontier.

Informed quarters state that no date for such a visit has been discussed.

It is pointed out that a long time elapsed between the first and second meetings of Herr Hitler and Signor Mussolini (who first met in Venice several years ago), and that it is consequently improbable that Herr Hitler will travel to Italy in the near future.—Trans-Ocean.

CHINA'S WAR LOAN SUCCESS

Shanghai, To-day.

It is announced that \$241,000,000 out of the \$500,000,000 issue of National Defence Bonds floated less than a month ago, has already been subscribed.—Reuter.

EXPERTS SIGN ANTI-PIRACY RE-ARRANGEMENT

Paris, To-day.

The British, French and Italian delegations to the naval talks here in connection with Mediterranean anti-piracy control, have concluded their deliberations, and the agreement was signed yesterday.

Contents of the agreement, which is to be submitted to the respective Governments, have not yet been fully divulged.—Trans-Ocean.

New World Record For Two Miles

Budapest, To-day.

A new world record for the two miles was established here yesterday by the Hungarian runner, Miklós Zabo, who returned a time of 8 minutes 56 seconds.—Reuter.

AMERICA DISAPPOINTED BY TOKYO NOTE

Washington, To-day.

Failure of the Japanese reply to give a specific guarantee against the bombing of Chinese non-combatants has disappointed the State Department, though the reply as a whole is received without surprise.

Informed circles state that in at least one respect the reply can hardly be regarded as satisfactory, namely, the portion in which the Japanese express the hope that the United States will co-operate with Japanese forces when the Japanese give notice requesting foreign nationals to seek safety elsewhere.

JAPAN'S RIGHT!

This is interpreted here in effect as asking the United States to consent to Japan's right to dictate the movements of United States diplomats in China.

Disappointing to a lesser extent, but not particularly surprising, was the renewed refusal of the Japanese Government to acknowledge responsibility for damage to United States property caused by Japanese military operations.—Reuter.

Quarantine restrictions have been imposed by the Government of Beira, Portuguese East Africa, against arrivals from Hong Kong on account of cholera.

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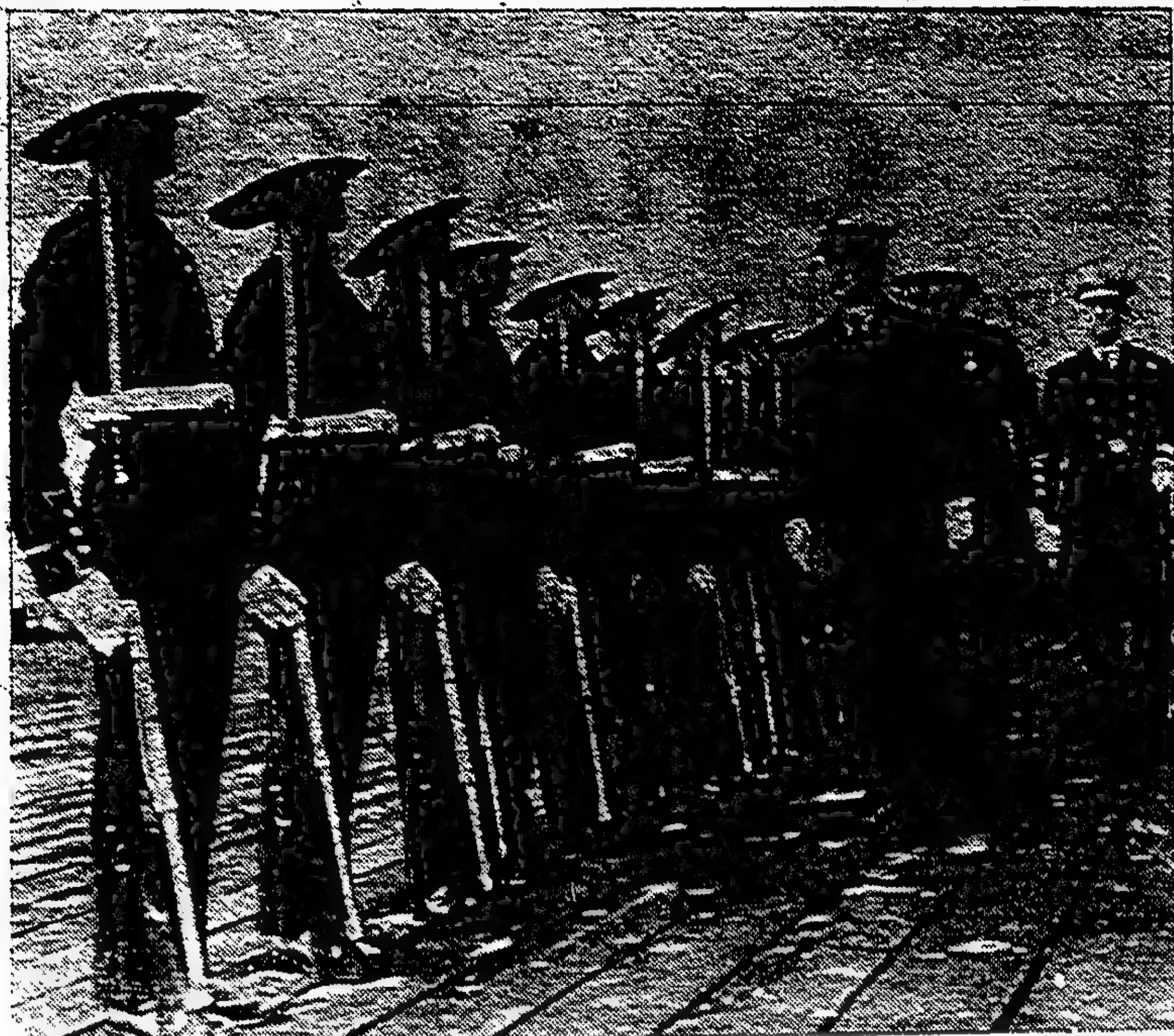


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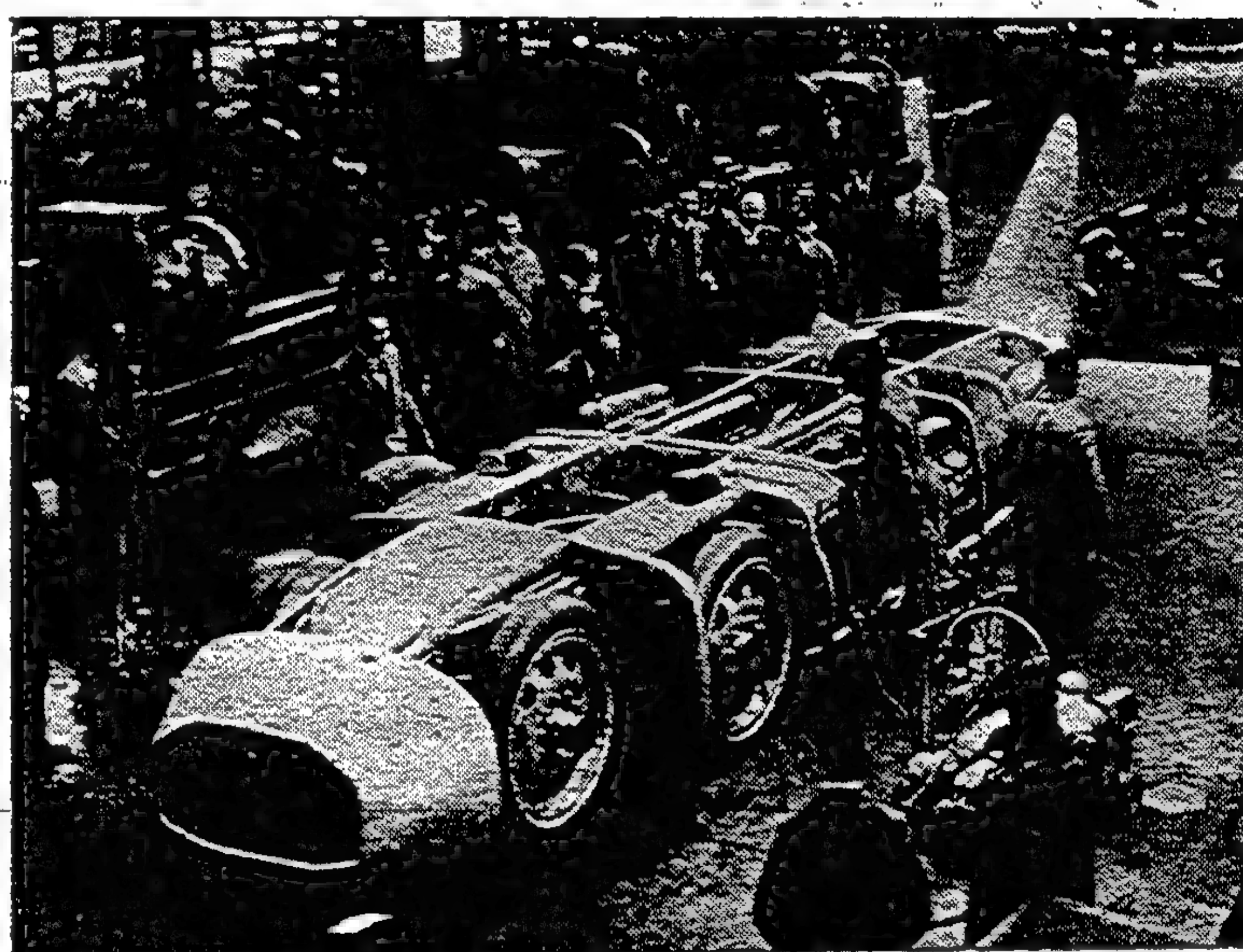
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Mr. Duff Cooper, First Lord of the Admiralty, on Sept. 16 carried out an inspection of Rosyth Naval Dockyard. Photo shows—Mr. Duff Cooper inspecting the guard of honour of the Marines. (Fox Copyright: By Air Mail).



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BRITISH MEDICAL

Response To Sir Abe Bailey's Appeal

London, To-day.

An appeal, signed by many influential personalities, including the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Archbishop of Westminster and the Lord Mayor, will be issued on October 2 by the China Association, the Conference of British Missionary Societies and the British Red Cross.

The appeal, which follows the letter sent to "The Times" yesterday by the South African financier, Sir Abe Bailey, for subscriptions for medical assistance to China, will ask for contributions for relief of the distress of the sick and wounded, both civilians and soldiers, in China.—Reuter.

London, To-day.

The executive committee of the League of Nations Union, meeting in London yesterday, decided to ask the Government to give at least £100,000 towards the expenses of the proposed League of Nations medical missions to China.

The resolution also urged the Government to insist that the League Assembly does not disperse until effective action is concerted.—Reuter.

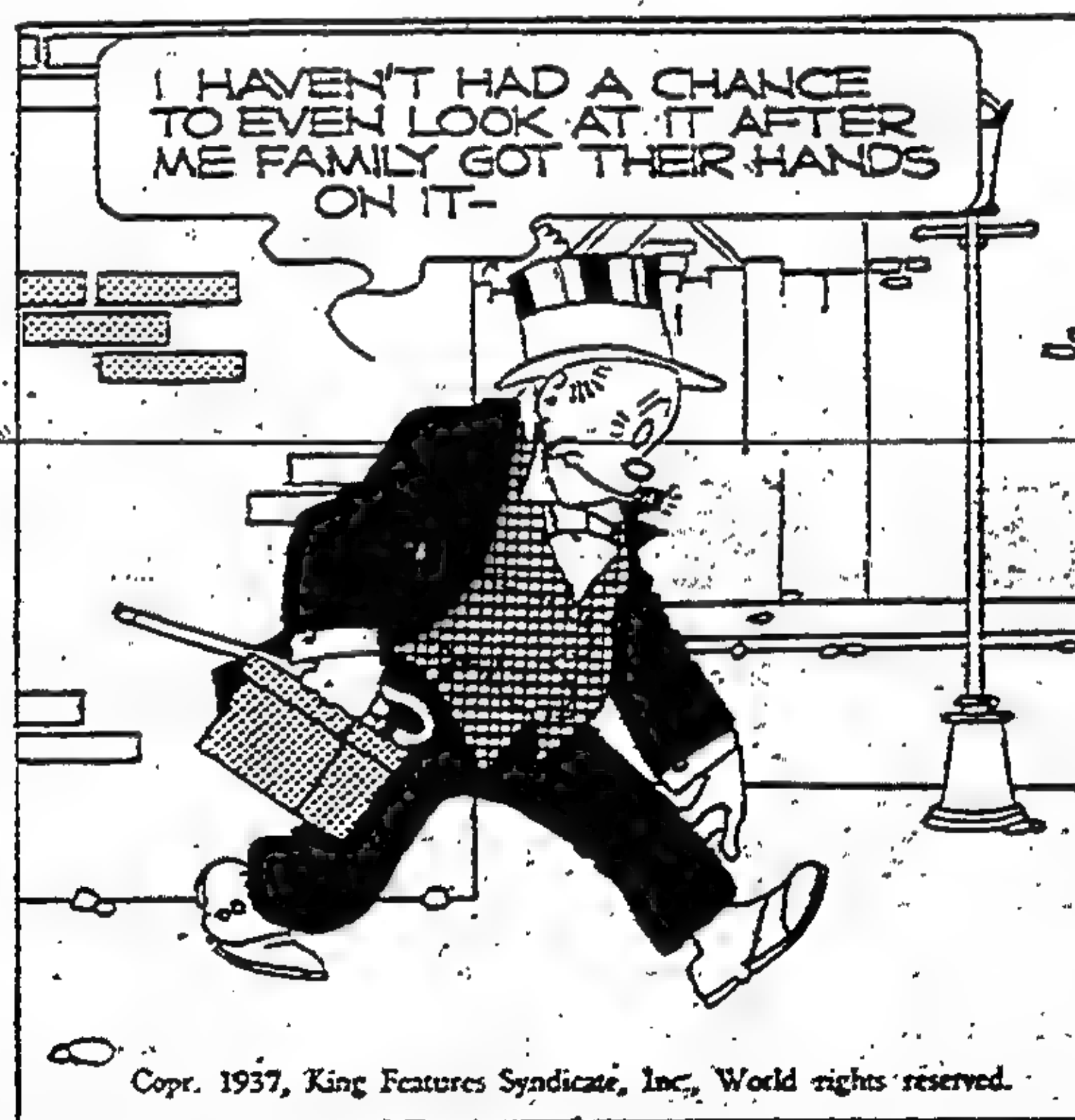
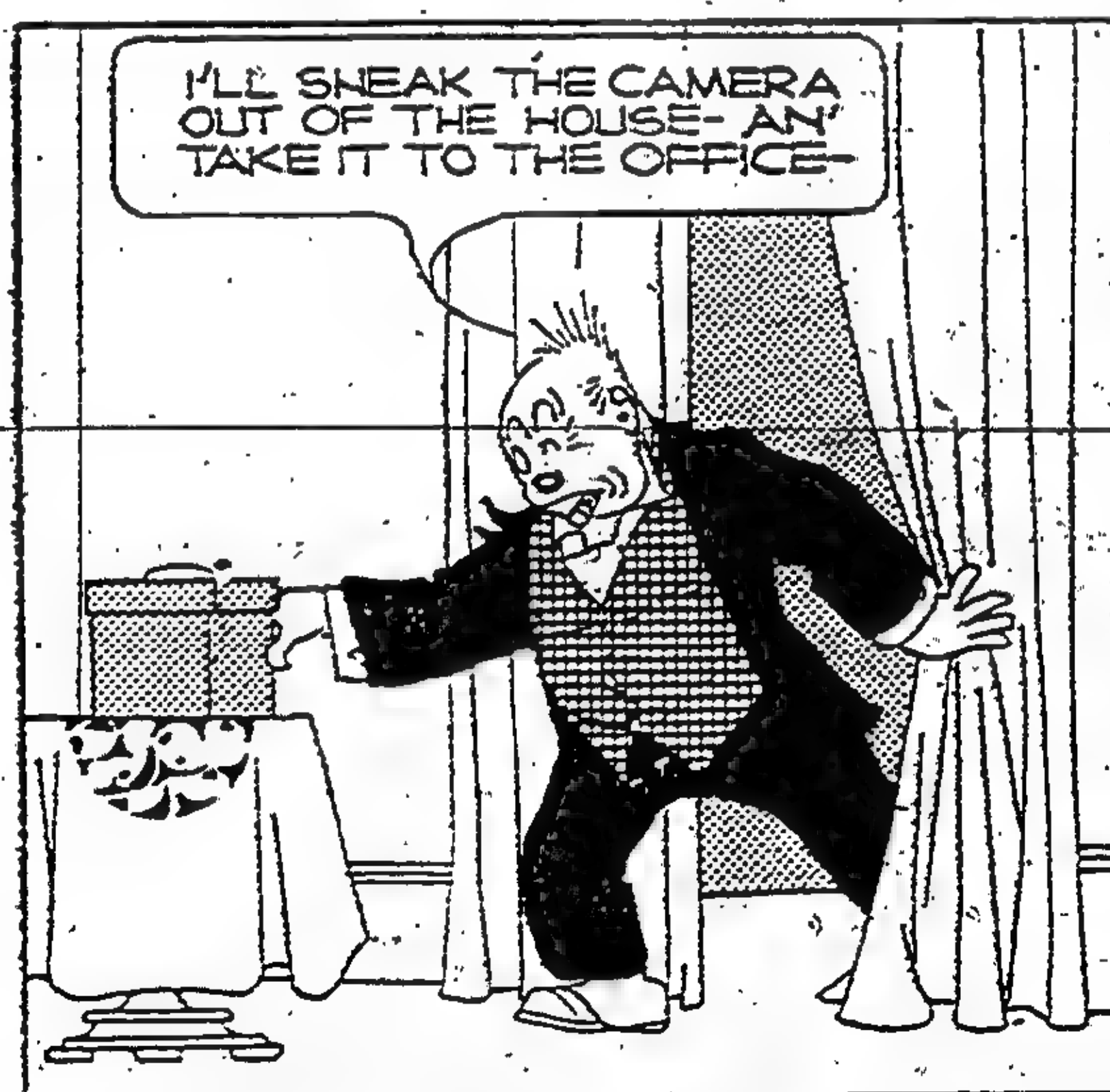
N.Z. TRADE WITH CANADA

Ottawa, To-day.

New development of trade relations between New Zealand and Canada is foreseen in extension of the Trade Agreement between the two countries.

The extension provides several concessions for New Zealand exports, including frozen lamb and beef.—Reuter.

Bringing Up Father



KING OF THE ROYAL MOUNTED



By G

"THE TEA PARTY"

LADY Saxonbridge was a power in the land.

If she so much as recognised the existence of anyone who lived in the ancient and historic town of Wynston it put them socially on the map; if she called on a newcomer, it decided their status and indicated that they had passed through their first test successfully. Following upon that there were other grades which culminated in an invitation to lunch or dinner; a very difficult altitude to attain to. Between these two highly important functions there was the lesser but still much valued tea party which was an intermediate state of probation which it was not so difficult to arrive at. Sherry parties were very select.

Lady Saxonbridge was a rich widow in the early fifties, extremely well preserved and carefully if heavily made up, with cold, rather protuberant eyes. Her house was large and imposing and stood in fine seclusion in the Park; it was even haunted by the ghost of a King which was well in keeping with Lady Saxonbridge's social standing. Had he not been a King it was felt that she would have got rid of him from the Towers, but as her ghost was of royal descent she was quite pleased to house him and allude to him in conversation, and said such things as "I saw the King yesterday in the library."

Also in Wynston, but living in a small and unpretentious way, were Colonel and Mrs. Hatfield and their pretty daughter aged nineteen. The Hatfields were of no particular importance socially and, just then, were going through a difficult time of it with Janetta, who had most amazingly fallen in love with a sleek young man who was, so Colonel Hatfield said, no better than a lounge lizard. She had met him at a hotel on the Riviera. Frederick Torry was his name and his looks were of the dark and flashing type objected to by all sensible parents.

Neither had Mr. Torry any visible means of support, though he seemed able to get about, for he appeared in Wynston soon after Janetta had returned home. He immediately called upon Colonel and Mrs. Hatfield, who were duly and deeply affronted. Their sole consolation was that Janetta could not marry Frederick Torry until she was twenty-one, when she would be to some extent independent. Until then, their duty was to restrain their daughter from making a wholly unsuitable marriage.

The Hatfields rented a little house in a quiet terrace, and though they had heard of Lady Saxonbridge, were remote from the orbit in which she moved. If they had any social ambition, it had to be on a limited scale, for no one can do much in the way of splashing with but one small maid of all work.

Janetta's visit to Cannes had been considered a great opportunity for her when Aunt Lucy invited her to go with her as her guest for a month, and Colonel and Mrs. Hatfield had accepted it delightedly, blissfully unconscious as they then were of what was to follow. But fate intended otherwise and Janetta returned deeply in love with the undesirable Frederick Torry.

Aunt Lucy was frantic, every one was frantic. The young man was impossible. He wore dreadful suits with strange hats, and even a bracelet; and when they compared him with the young officers of Colonel Hatfield's late Regiment he seemed even worse, for he wore his hair long and called every woman he met "Darling." It was also obvious, so Aunt Lucy felt, that Janetta had run after this odious youth and was far more in love with him than he was with her, which as she very truly said "looked so bad."

Janetta was not engaged to Frederick, who she called Fritz, for the distressing reason that, so far, he had not asked her to be. He was the type of your man who "amused" himself, and had no intentions of the right nature.

Though, as had been said, far removed from the glib-edged circle which Lady Saxonbridge ruled so autocratically, the Hatfields were thought highly of in a lesser sphere, and when Frederick Torry arrived in Wynston in corduroy trousers and a pink silk shirt without sleeves, which he considered suitable for country wear, the friends and acquaintances of Colonel and Mrs. Hatfield registered dismay and disgust. He was seen in the Park with Janetta and presented himself frequently and with sublime affrontery at 6, Prince Consort's terrace.

As he had not "proposed" to Janetta the situation bristled with difficulties. He couldn't well be asked to clear out, and beyond a freezing reception there was nothing else the Hatfields could do about it. Nor could they lock Janetta in her room so as to prevent her meeting him. All that lay within their power was to tell her as often as possible how much they disliked Frederick Torry and objected to her being seen in public with such a man, and this they did.

A week after Frederick's arrival and when things had reached a pitch when mealtimes became a constant repetition of scenes with Janetta and hurried exits on her

part into the Park where Frederick was, of course, waiting for her, a most unexpected thing happened, which seemed to be on the side of the angels. Lady Saxonbridge, who had so far not so much as admitted that the Hatfields could or did exist, called one afternoon when everyone was out, and left a card.

"This settles it," Colonel Hatfield said decidedly. "Now let us hope that Janetta will learn sense. What, I ask you, would Lady Saxonbridge think of that Bounder?"

Mrs. Hatfield was triumphant. No one in their set had been so honoured, and she even wondered whether there wasn't some mistake about it? They had lived in their discreet way in the Terrace for three years, and for Lady Saxonbridge to call after such a lapse of time looked almost as though there might be an error in her visiting list. It was a harrowing thought, for the call would have to be returned, and what if Lady

traced a good deal of pleasure out of alluding to Lady Saxonbridge and the Towers, and it certainly did impress their friends, who commented on it all considerably.

"Janetta darling, you ought to see that if you go about persistently with that awful Mr. Torry, nothing more will ever come of all this," Mrs. Hatfield said almost tearfully to her daughter, and Janetta, who was beginning to think that Fritz would never come to the point, was silent.

Fritz was enchanting but illusive, and his coming to Wynston did not seem to mean matrimony. He had told her that he "hadn't a bean" and had to "look for a job," and had tried to find out from her what her future fortunes were likely to be, which had slightly disillusioned Janetta. However, she was on her mettle and, in the face of all her parents' had said to her about Fritz, had no intention of giving him up.

"Have you been to the Towers again?" Miss Burkitt asked almost every day when she met Mrs. Hatfield in the Pedary. Miss Burkitt was notorious for her acidity of speech. "I'm told that Lady Saxonbridge is having one of her tea parties. Of course you are invited? Will Janetta bring that odd looking young man with her?"

All this was duly reported to Janetta to prove that so long as she would walk in the Pedary with Torry, her prospects of ever going to the Towers were dim. Janetta fired up in defence of the absent and said she wouldn't be seen dead at the Towers, anyhow. And that very afternoon by the late post an invitation arrived.

It was such a shock and so unexpected that when Mrs. Hatfield took the card from the envelope she felt quite giddy. But there it was. Lady Saxonbridge was at home the following Friday and invited Colonel and Mrs. and Miss Hatfield and Friend. The "and Friend" was underlined. That was so odd.

"Who does she mean by 'and Friend'?" Colonel Hatfield asked, turning quite dangerously red. "Surely not that bounder Torry?"

"Of course not. She may think we have someone staying. I might ask Lucy down for the day and bring her," Mrs. Hatfield said in

For a few days the Hatfields ex-

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Short Story By Mrs. Victor Riekard

Saxonbridge was unfriendly or wanted to know why they had come? They had all heard stories of her ruthlessness towards people whom she regarded as "pushing." What then, indeed, if through some dreadful mistake Colonel and Mrs. Hatfield got into that undesirable category?

Still, Janetta did seem a little impressed by Lady Saxonbridge's visit, though the effect soon wore off and she said a number of bitter things about snobs and silly people who disliked anything new or original, and she definitely refused to go with her parents to the Towers, so that they were left to face that ordeal together and without her support. They hired a large car and made their way to the magnificent and imposing house, where, to their huge relief, the butler informed them that her Ladyship was from home. Though it would have been nice to think that they had been welcome guests, it was with a sense of having a menace removed that they returned to Prince Consort's Terrace in time for tea.



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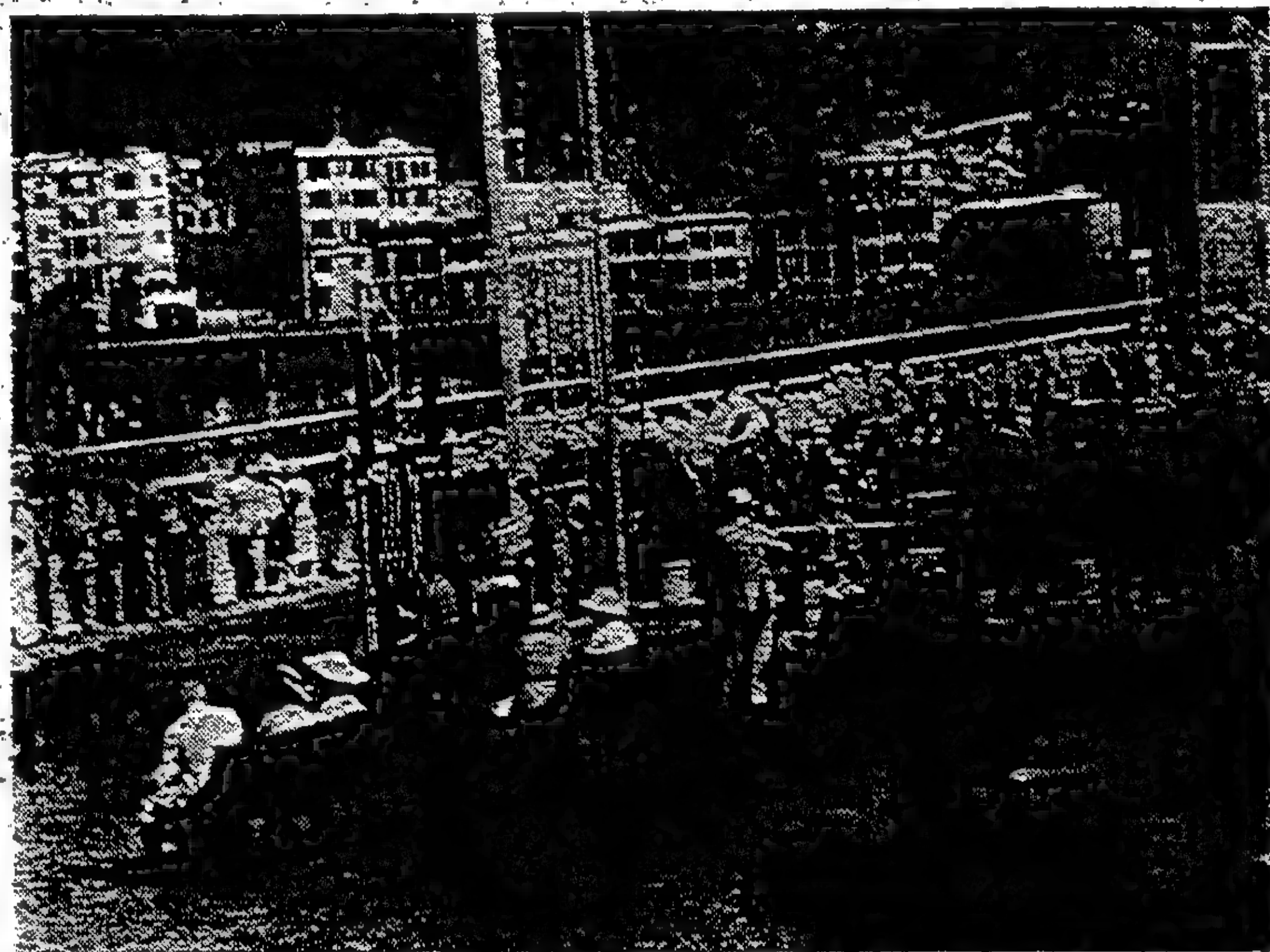
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King's Coronation (Mr. B. A. Proulx up) being led in last Saturday by Mrs. T. E. Pearce after its win in the first section of the Island Bay Handicap. ("Mail" photo).



Mr. T. H. G. Brayfield leading in Shipmaster (Mr. S. C. Liang up) after its win in the Sub-Griffins Autumn Plate last Saturday. ("Mail" photo).



The general scene in the enclosure last Saturday, the first day of the second half of this year's racing season at Happy Valley. ("Mail" photo).



Some of the large crowd which attended the Races on Saturday, held in perfect weather. ("Mail" photo).



(Left)—This is the first picture of Capt. George Eyston's monster car (completed) at Tipton, Staffordshire. The car will be used by Capt. Eyston in his attempt to break the world land speed record. He has hopes of attaining 400 miles an hour. The car has eight wheels, the four in front being used for steering. It is now being prepared for despatch to the salt beds at Utah, where the attempt will be made. Photo shows—The shark-like monster car photographed after completion. (Fox Copyright: By Air Mail).

(Right) — Nearly 1500 soldiers and sailors sailed on Sept. 11 in the Troopship "Somersetshire" for Malta and Egypt. The sailors are joining their ships at Malta. Photo shows—A sea of faces and kiths before the departure from Southampton. (Fox Copyright By Air Mail).



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"Well, the one in the middle is."

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Welsher

Crystal Gazer: "I see you as a leader of men, I see a great crowd behind you."

Bookmaker: "Ah! And have I got a good start?"

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Another Day

Wife: "Did you post that letter for me, darling?"

Husband: "Very nearly, sweetheart. I'll try again to-morrow."

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For Men Only

A man in Wisconsin has eloped with his mother-in-law. Pause, brother, pause, for a moment and reflect what a wife that fellow must have had.

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Unnecessary

"Do you say your prayers at night, little boy?"

"Yes, sir."

"And in the morning too?"

"No, sir. There's nowt to be scared of in the morning."

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Infuriating

"Can you imagine," said the irate wife to his friend, "anything more annoying than a husband who talks in his sleep?"

"Oh, easily," replied the friend sweetly. "One who just grins."

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Worse Luck

"What are you, anyway," shouted Mrs. Henpeck at the height of the quarrel, "a man or a mouse?"

"A man, worse luck" he countered. "If I were a mouse, you'd be up on that table yelling for help."

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There were busy scenes at Sheerness on Sept. 17 as warships prepared to leave for the Mediterranean to strengthen the anti-piracy patrol. Photo shows—Some of the destroyers at Sheerness all ready to start for the Mediterranean. (Fox Copyright by Air Mail).



Mr. Li Chor-chi, the well-known tenor, who has organised a charity function on behalf of the Hong Kong Chinese Women's Relief Association at the Hong Kong Hotel Roof Garden on October 8. Mr. Li Chor-chi will render selected songs.



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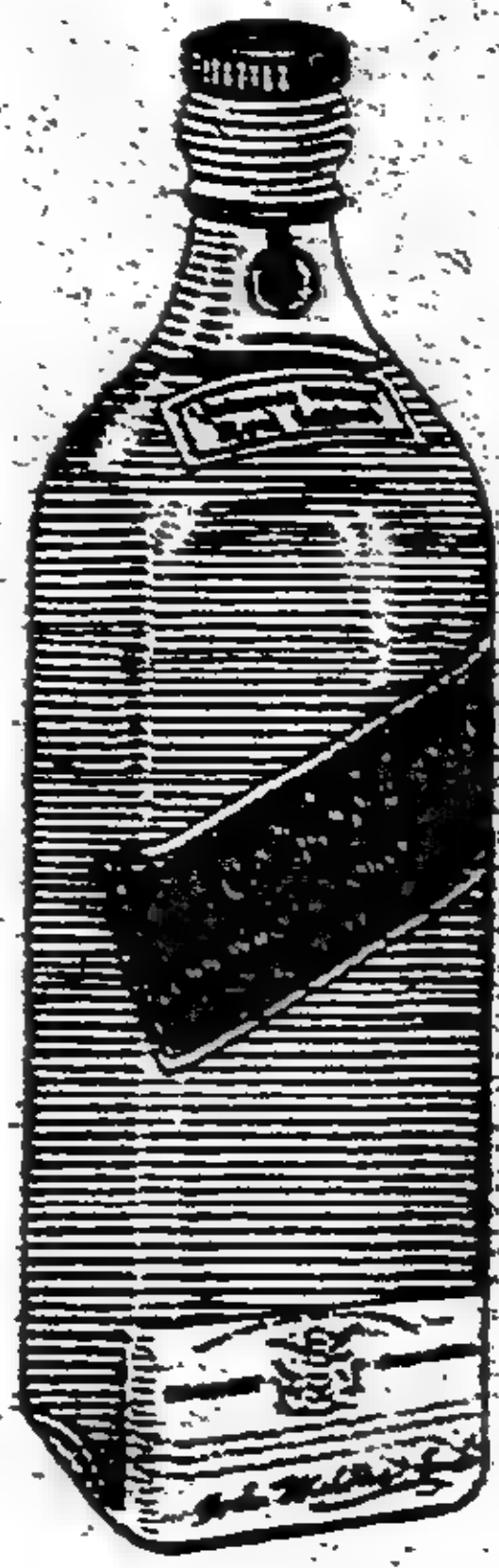
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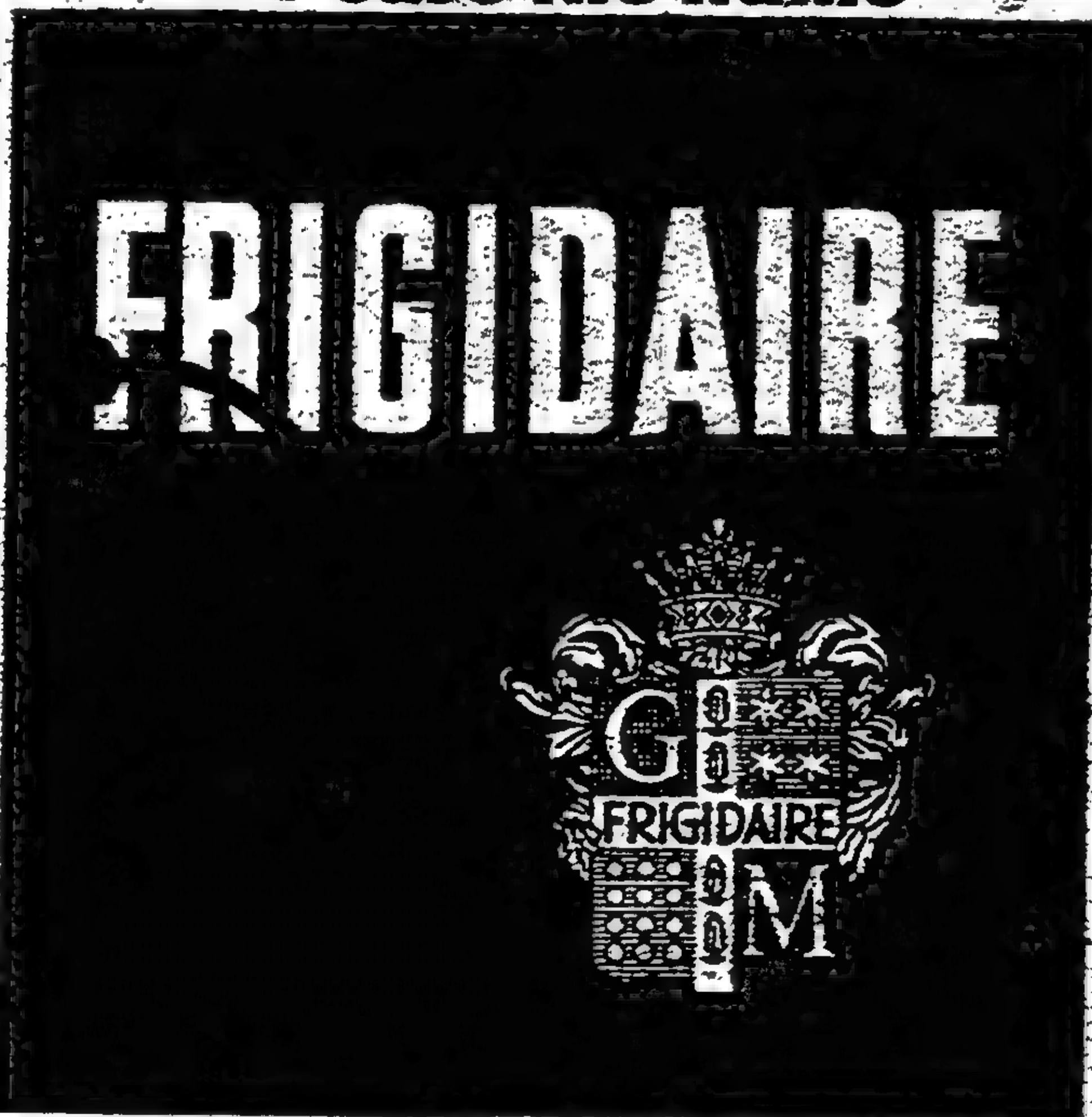


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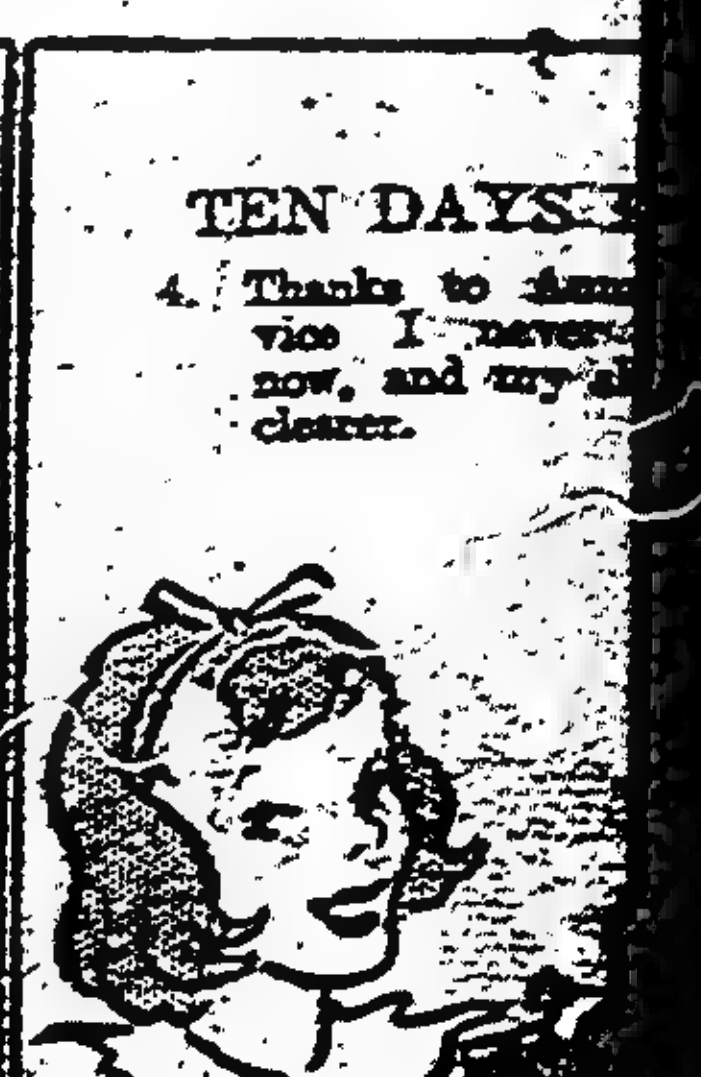
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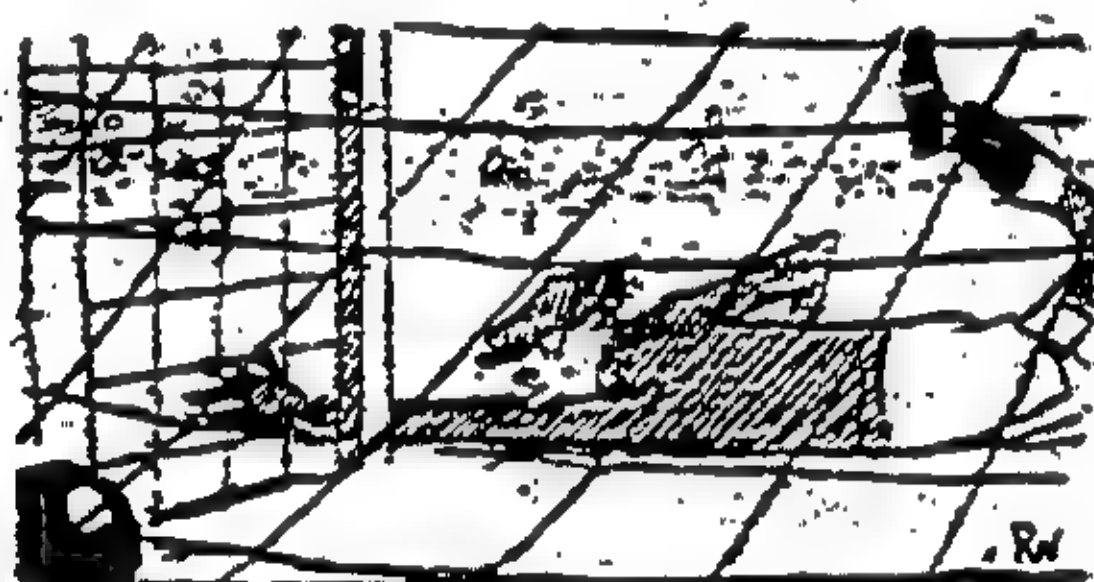
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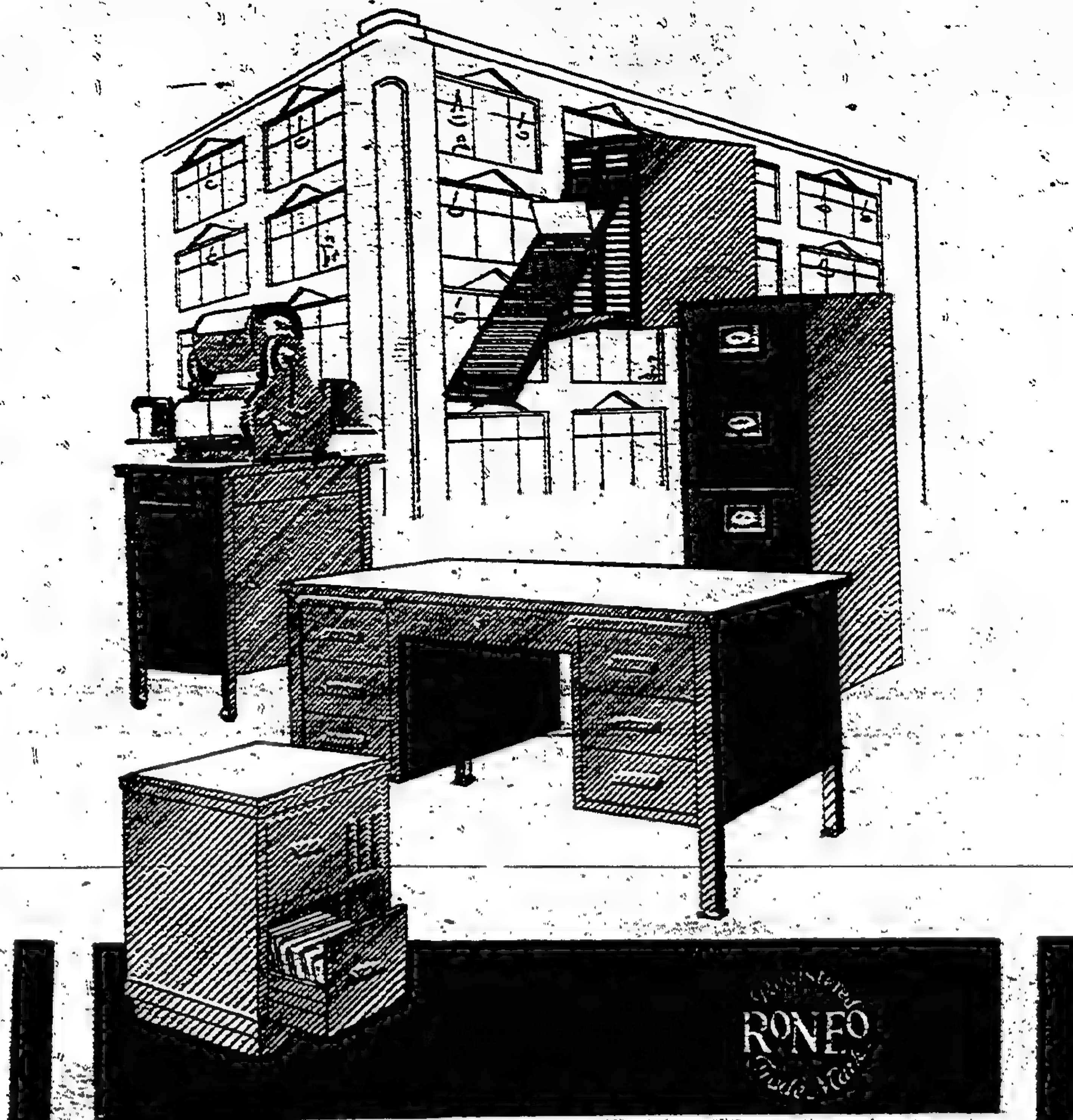
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BIRTHDAY BREAKFAST WITH THE STAR FAIRIES

ROSE MARY did not believe in fairies, because (as she told her sister Betty) she would not believe what she could not see.

"It's because you're not old enough, Rose Mary," said her sister, who was six. "When you have your next birthday I will take you to the woods at the end of the town to meet the fairies."

Rose Mary's birthday came on a Friday, which is a lucky day, as everyone knows. Betty woke her up early, before the sun had quite got out of bed.

"Many happy returns. Get up quickly, Rose Mary," she whispered. "It's early enough to see the star fairies."

"Won't there be some day-time fairies a little bit later?" Rose

Mary asked sleepily. But Betty pulled her out and made her put on her best birthday dress — "in case we see the queen."

Then Betty took her little sister's hand and ran with her down the road to the woods. On tiptoe they picked their way over the stepping stones through a little stream.

"Now shut your eyes," Betty commanded softly, "and try to believe about the fairies."

Through the dewy grass she led Rose Mary, threading their way among the trees.

"Now open wide and look carefully," Betty said.

Clutching her sister's hand Rose Mary opened her eyes. At

first she saw only the long, lithe stems of the gum trees, then she looked down and saw she was standing in a patch of white and yellow daisies, bluebells, primroses and buttercups, all nodding backwards and forwards and from side to side.

"I can't see any fairies," said Rose Mary, "but the flowers are very pretty," she added so as not to hurt Betty's feelings.

"Then look inside the flowers," Betty told her. "See what is making them swing to and fro."

"Why... it's the fairies, Betty!" Rose Mary whispered joyfully. "Aren't they the loveliest colours? And look, they really do have wings."

"Yes," sang a little voice, "and our wings are made by lucky spiders from the silverest rays of the moon. I am so sorry the other

A Story for
the Smaller
Children
by
Sally Starke

fairies are going off to sleep, but we are the star fairies, and the sun will be up soon. We have to disappear at daybreak, and star fairies have to sleep to disappear."

But when the fairy voice came out of the primrose at her feet, Rose Mary was so surprised that she sat down with a bump on the mossy ground. That sent a stir through the flowers and woke up all the fairies who had been rocking themselves off to sleep in their flower beds. Lightly they jumped to the ground, and, making a ring around the two little visitors, sang a little song of welcome to them.

*Welcome little mortal girls
To the home of the star fairies,
Who slid down to earth on the moonrays*

To dance among the flowers.
"That doesn't rhyme," said Rose Mary, "and all songs should rhyme."

"If you feel like that about it," said one of the fairies, "we won't sing you a birthday song."

"How do you know it's my birthday?" asked Rose Mary, feeling a little ashamed of herself for criticising the fairies' song.

"Of course it's your birthday," said the same star fairy. "You've got on your best dress."

Then all the little fairies became excited and fluttered hither and thither to make Rose Mary a party. The bees were sent for to help get pollen and dewdrops for the birthday cake. The scent of lovely flowers was brought for the flavouring, and butterflies carried a trailer of daisies to decorate the top.

A little secret something was mixed with the nectar in honey-suckle bells to make yellow jellies, and the fairies knew how to turn the reddest berries into sweets.

So Rose Mary had a lovely fairy birthday party in the woods. She loved the good things they had to eat, but most of all she loved the little star fairies who danced whenever they wanted to walk, sang instead of talking and spun in the air when they flew.

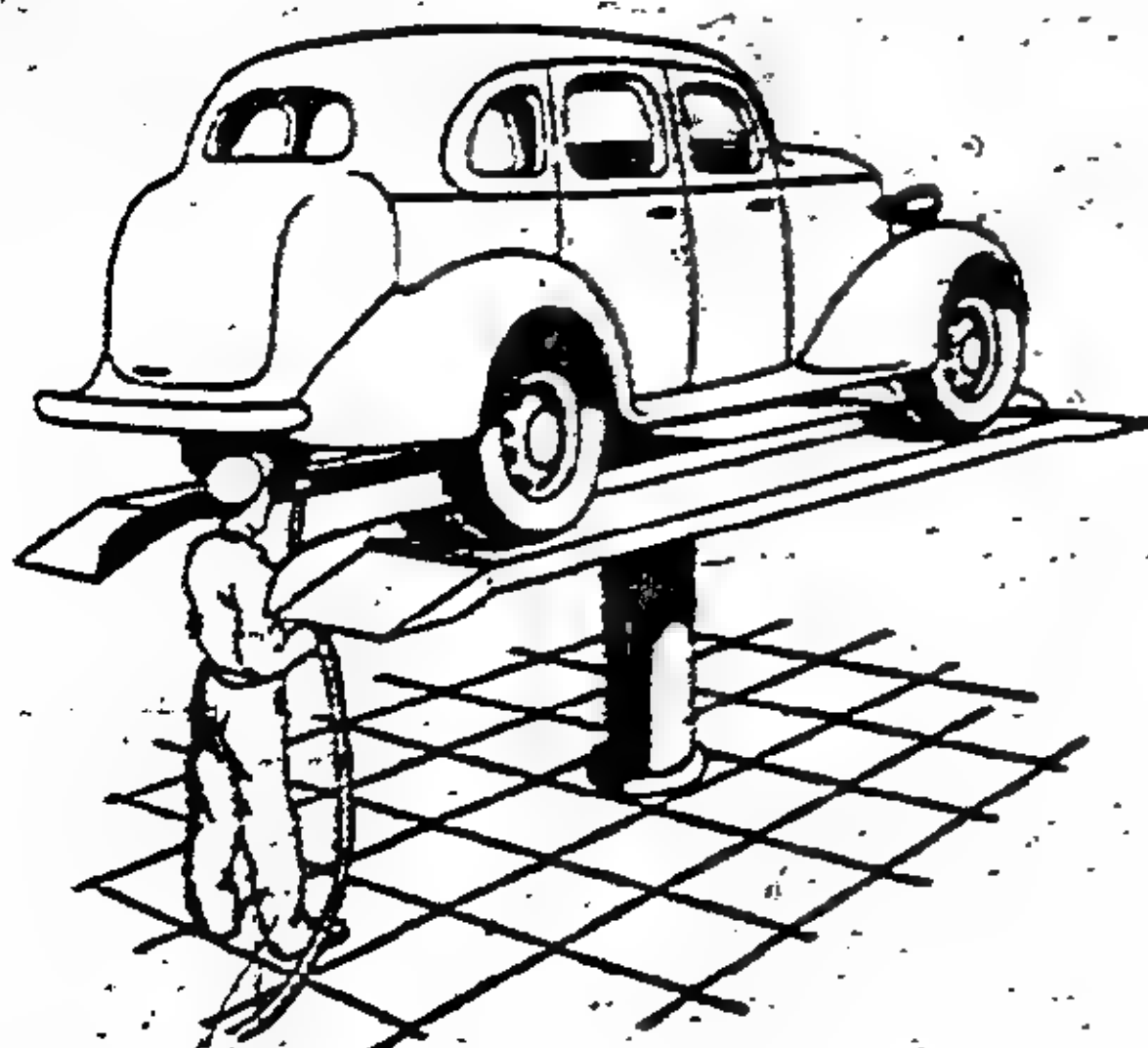
When the first bright ray of the sun broke through the trees, one little fairy sang a lullaby, ever so softly, and all the others skipped back into their flower beds and rocked themselves off to sleep so quickly that they had disappeared before Rose Mary and Betty knew that the party had come to an end.

Of course the two little girls had to run along home to be in time for breakfast, and although it was a struggle to eat porridge and eggs after so much lovely fairy food, they didn't grumble at all, because it would have been very difficult to explain to mother about the Star Fairies' birthday-party.



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WILL THE WINDSORS RETURN TO ENGLAND

SOME time ago it was stated that the Duke and Duchess of Windsor were anxious to return to England, and articles which have been appearing in the London evening newspaper, "The Star," have created the impression that such is still their ardent desire.

Last May this newspaper announced the publication of two articles by Mrs. Helena Normanton on the Duchess of Windsor, full text of which had been approved by Mrs. Warfield, as she then was, but out of deference to the wishes of the Duke, "The Star" withheld publication.

"The Star," however, has now published two articles based on conversations Mrs. Normanton has had with the Duchess.

In the first article, it is stated that many persons have felt with regret that the Duke's voluntary exile from England may have robbed the country for ever of his services in causes that are lifted far above the dusty arena of politics, including housing, slum clearance, hospitals and training centres.

The Duke, it is added, intends to continue his special interest in housing and town planning.

"The possibility of the Duke devoting himself to the movement for slum clearance and the re-building of England is a fascinating one," "The Star" says. "He would be a volunteer, of course—a good soldier in the army of service."

Peace Of Mind

"Before they return to England, however," the article continues, "the calumnies and slanders which have pursued them into exile should be exploded, so that they have the peace of mind to which they are entitled in their own careers."

And so, in the second article, these calumnies are examined and refuted.

One is the accusation of the "reckless prodigality of the Duchess's mode of life in the months before the abdication."

It has been alleged, for example, that she bedecked herself with almost barbaric magnificence, and that the ex-King had showered upon her jewellery which Queen Alexandra had bequeathed him.

Dental

This accusation is definitely denied by Mrs. Normanton, who speaks with the fullest approval of the Duchess.

It is also alleged, mainly in the French Press, that the Duchess had been acting as agent for the Nazis, and was particularly friendly with Herr von Ribbentrop, the German Ambassador.

According to information conveyed to Mrs. Normanton by the Duchess herself, the Duchess scarcely ever saw the Ambassador.

Then again, it has been suggested that the Duke was out to create a party of "King's

"THE TEA PARTY"

(Continued from Page 1)

rather a subdued voice. "I wonder what Janetta will think."

When Janetta came in and saw the invitation she also was a little taken aback. It's a strange sensation to find that some wholly unexpected honour has been conferred. "And Friend," she said, staring at it. "That must be Fritz. I'll tell him."

"You'll do nothing of the kind," Colonel Hatfield stormed. "Do you expect your mother and me to go into polite society with—"

"She's not polite," Janetta retorted. "She's anything but. So everyone says."

The first thing to do was to accept the invitation and then thrash the matter out at home, and the thrashing was terrific. Janetta had immediately told Frederick that Lady Saxonbridge had asked him to a tea party, and his reactions were quite definite.

"Good," he said. "I shall certainly go."

"Fritz says he will come," Janetta announced to her parents.

"Not with us," Colonel Hatfield was furious. "Let him go on his own if he likes, and he'll get what he is asking for."

And nothing Janetta could say would move him from his decision. They were invited to the tea party and they were going, and that was that. If Torry forced his way in, Lady Saxonbridge would know how to deal with him and could be trusted by all accounts to do so. But none of this really cleared the mysterious point as to who was meant by "and Friend."

Janetta, caught into the fear-circle which surrounded all invitations to the Towers, ended by begging Fritz not to go near the place, but this only offended him and did not have any other effect.

On Friday, which happened to be a fine day, the Hatfields again ordered the car and set off for the Towers. Considering that they were going ostensibly to a party they were far from hilarious, and Janetta's eyes were quite red with weeping. She dreaded what was to come. Suppose Lady Saxonbridge was rude to Fritz, what a score for her parents, and how dreadful for everyone. She was quite silent during the whole drive and so were Colonel and Mrs. Hatfield.

There were a number of motors in the avenue outside the Towers and the Hatfields realised with icy certainty that there would be no one they had ever met among the guests. It was not at all reassuring. Grandeur is all very well, but it can be lonely.

Lady Saxonbridge was at the far end of a large drawing-room which was full but not crowded

Friends," and that he had Fascist proclivities. Scorn is also poured in the article on this suggestion, and as for the Duchess, she is declared to be unversed in political intrigue, and to be devoted to the arts.

It will be remembered that Sir John Simon, when Home Secretary, announced that there was no legal bar on the return of the Duke to England.

Whether such a return would be considered politically advisable is another question.

with her chosen friends. She was dressed in white lace and stared very alarmingly as the Hatfields were announced. Nor did she seem at all pleased to see them. She gave them an icy welcome, if welcome it could be called, and took no further notice of them, other than to stare at them a little more fixedly as though they weren't at all what she wanted.

As there was nothing else to do and they knew no one, they sat down in a forlorn little group in the window and made conversation with each other, at least Colonel and Mrs. Hatfield did, for Janetta merely gazed at the door and remained silent, praying that Fritz would not come there to be neglected and cast aside by the lady with the large nose and red lips.

As she stared and prayed, there was a slight movement among the people round the door and the butler announced.

"Mr. Frederick Torry."

For one moment Janetta thought her father would do something desperate as she glanced at his face, but before he could stir, Lady Saxonbridge had gone forward with both hands out-held.

"You!" she said. "You!"

Frederick Torry said "Yes, Darling. It's me all right."

The horrible thing about the tea-party was that Frederick never so much as went near the Hatfields. Lady Saxonbridge led him round and introduced him to every titled person in the room, and then took him away so that she wasn't there when the guests

eventually left, and the Hatfields had to leave without saying good-bye to their hostess. They overheard bits of conversation which informed them that Susan Saxonbridge had seen this amazing young man in the Pedary walking about with some silly girl, and had found out that he was staying with some people she had never heard of. Thereupon she actually called on them, and, as she didn't even know his name had been obliged to invite him as best she could. Did Susan mean it? Was she actually going to marry him? And such an unexpected sort of person, too. But then, Susan was rich enough to please herself.

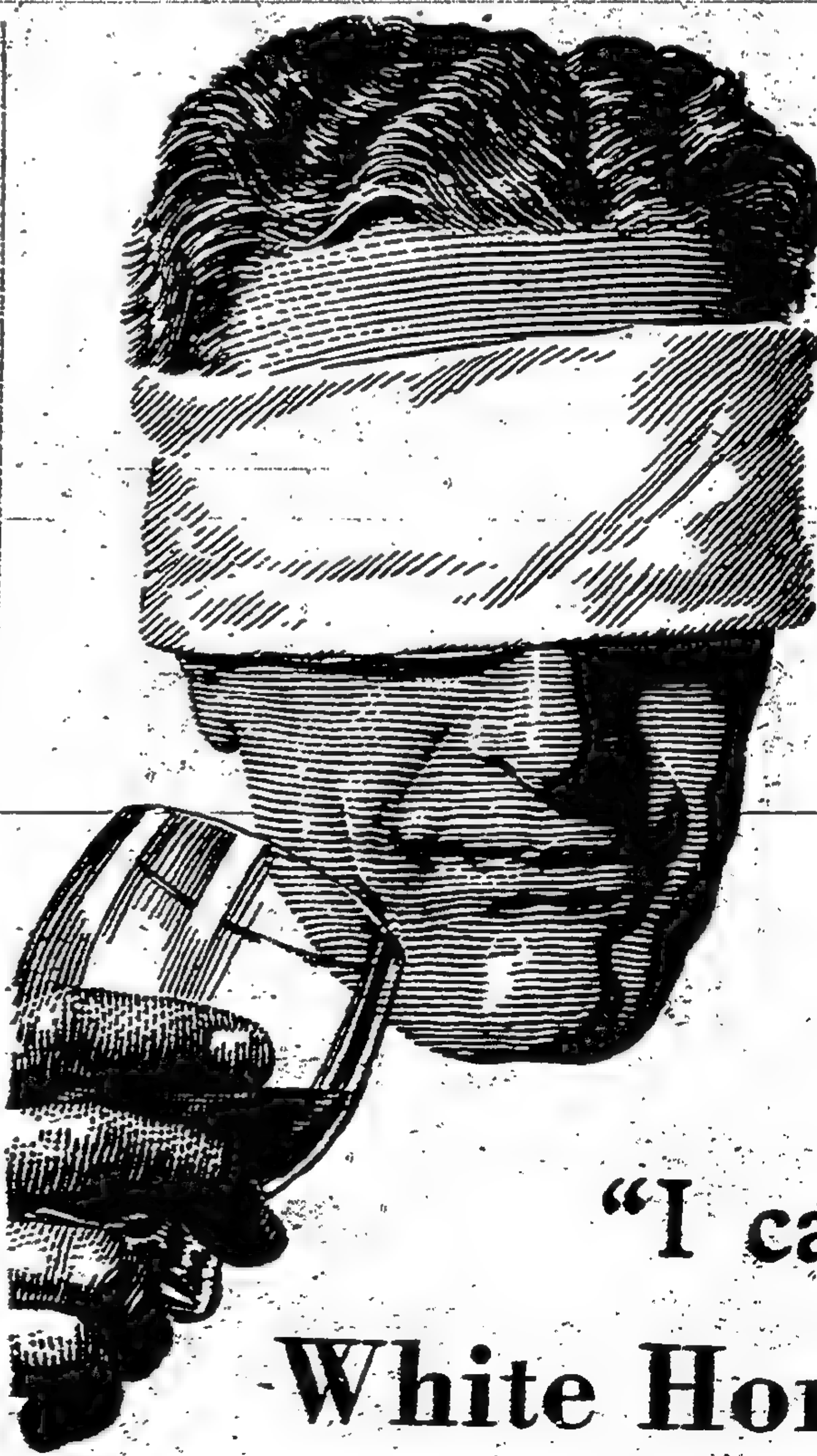
All the way back Janetta sat biting her lips with the light of battle in her eyes. Directly she got in she wrote off to Hugo Wilder and suggested that he might come and see her; but her parents were completely silent.

"I suppose Torry is a Bounder?" Colonel Hatfield asked his wife when they were alone. "Or is he just one of these new people we're not accustomed to?"

"What a tea party!" was all Mrs. Hatfield had to say.

There were two weddings in Wynston that autumn. One was that of Lady Saxonbridge, who was married to Frederick Torry and remained "Lady Saxonbridge" by her young husband's expressed wish. It might puzzle people who knew no better, but it sounded so well. The other marriage was that of Janetta, only daughter of Colonel and Mrs. Hatfield, to Captain Hugo Wilder, of the Limerick Lancers.

Both marriages, so far as is known, have been a complete success.



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Of Books And Writers

TS. ELIOT, poet and essayist, wrote a play called *Murder in the Cathedral*, for the Festival of the Friends of Canterbury Cathedral, and which was performed two years ago at the service of tribute to the arts and crafts. His play is still running.

The play for this year's Festival was written by Dorothy Sayers, whose last detective story, *Busman's Honeymoon*, is selling in healthy thousands. Her play is called *The Zeal of Thy House*, and deals with the burning of the Choir of Canterbury in 1174 and its rebuilding.

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THE £1,000 prize offered by Messrs. Hodder and Stoughton for the best novel submitted to them by a school teacher has been awarded to Miss Nora K. Smith, head-mistress of the girls' section of a Manchester

school. Her book, called *A Stranger and a Sojourner*, has for its background the Derbyshire moors, and will be published towards the end of the year.

Over 8,000 enquiries were received about the competition, and three were entries from university dons and school teachers from all over Britain and many parts of the Dominions.

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THE National Library for the Blind has started on a five year job — turning Gibben's *Decline and Fall*, complete with Bury's notes, into Braille.

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THREE years ago Ruth Feiner, a refugee from Germany, arrived in London with few worldly goods, but the manuscript of a novel in her possession. She man-

aged to interest Harrap, who published the book *Cat Across the Path*, was an immediate success.

Nearly 10,000 copies were sold in England and more in America where MGM bought the film rights. Her second book, *Fires in May*, appeared last year. Her third, *Sunset at Noon*, was published last month.

The setting is the world of journalism and films in post-War Vienna, and tells of a girl who tries to make a career for herself without money or influential assistance. Four film companies have already made offers for the screen rights.

Miss Feiner has been working on this novel for eight years. She put it aside to write *Cat Across the Path*; then a fortune-teller advised her to make her second book the third, so she put it aside again and wrote *Fires in May*.

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A report in an American magazine that Margaret Mitchell was writing a sequel to her amazing best-seller, *Gone With the Wind*, involved her in such a spate of letters and telegrams that she had to publish a denial of the report.

Whether she writes a sequel or not, her first book has roused such excessive attentions from the more hysterical among its admirers that she had to move to a friend's house to escape the visits of enthusiastic strangers to her home. As her coloured maid is reported to have said: "Miss Peggy she done gone away wit de wind herself."

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THE value of the Hawthornden Prize is only £100, but it is the most coveted of literary honours. This year's winner is Miss Ruth Pitter. Her book of poems, *A Trophy of Arms*, is published by the Cresset Press. Her work, exquisitely fastidious, classically temperate, individual in experience, has been highly praised by a few critics, but is little known to the public.

She has never courted publicity and is a partner in a Chelsea arts and crafts business. Her poetry, she says, has never before brought her more than £7 a year.

LEMONS

Big, big lemons, hanging on the lemon tree,
People admire them, and think they look fine.
Oh, how I hate them! If only they were oranges,
Golden, juicy, and MINE!

Dad likes lemons, 'cos he's very fond of marmalade,
Sis likes lemons, 'cos they help her to slim,
Tom likes lemons, 'cos he makes them into lemon drinks,
Lots of lemons for him!

Mum likes lemons, 'cos she makes them into pies and things,
Gran likes lemons 'stead of milk in her tea.

I HATE lemons, 'cos I have them when I'm bilious, so
I think I will poison that tree!

—M. AUSTEN.

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The Engine-Driver

A train is controlled by an engine-driver, a fireman, and a guard, whose names are Brown, Jones, and Robinson, not respectively.

On the train are three passengers, Mr. Jones, Mr. Robinson, and Mr. Brown.

Mr. Robinson lives at Leeds.

The guard lives half-way between Leeds and London.

Mr. Jones's income is £400 2s. 1d. per annum.

The guard earns in a year exactly one-third of the income of the nearest neighbour, who is a passenger.

The guard's namesake lives in London.

Brown beat the fireman at billiards.

What is the name of the engine-driver?

Solution to "Brush Up Your Wits"

1.—Private Wire

This is an ordinary substitution cipher plus an exercise in selection. The agent's doggerel is very quickly read:

"They also serve who only stand and wait."

The which applies to seven out of eight.

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Which does not bear the monkey-puzzlers name?

Interpreting this verse one deduces that every eighth letter will be utilised. Also we must look for "monkey puzzler" (aracaria, not aracaria). Eighth letters in the second message give the following series of sentences.

(1) "This is only a spoof."
(2) "War declared to-day."
(3) "Monkey expects war."
(4) "I will be war monkey."
(5) "Battleships ready."
(6) "Aracaria says wait."
(7) "PEACE O.K. ARAUCARIA."

(8) "Just another spoof."

Hence the answer is PEACE.

2.—The Engine-Driver

Brown is the engine-driver



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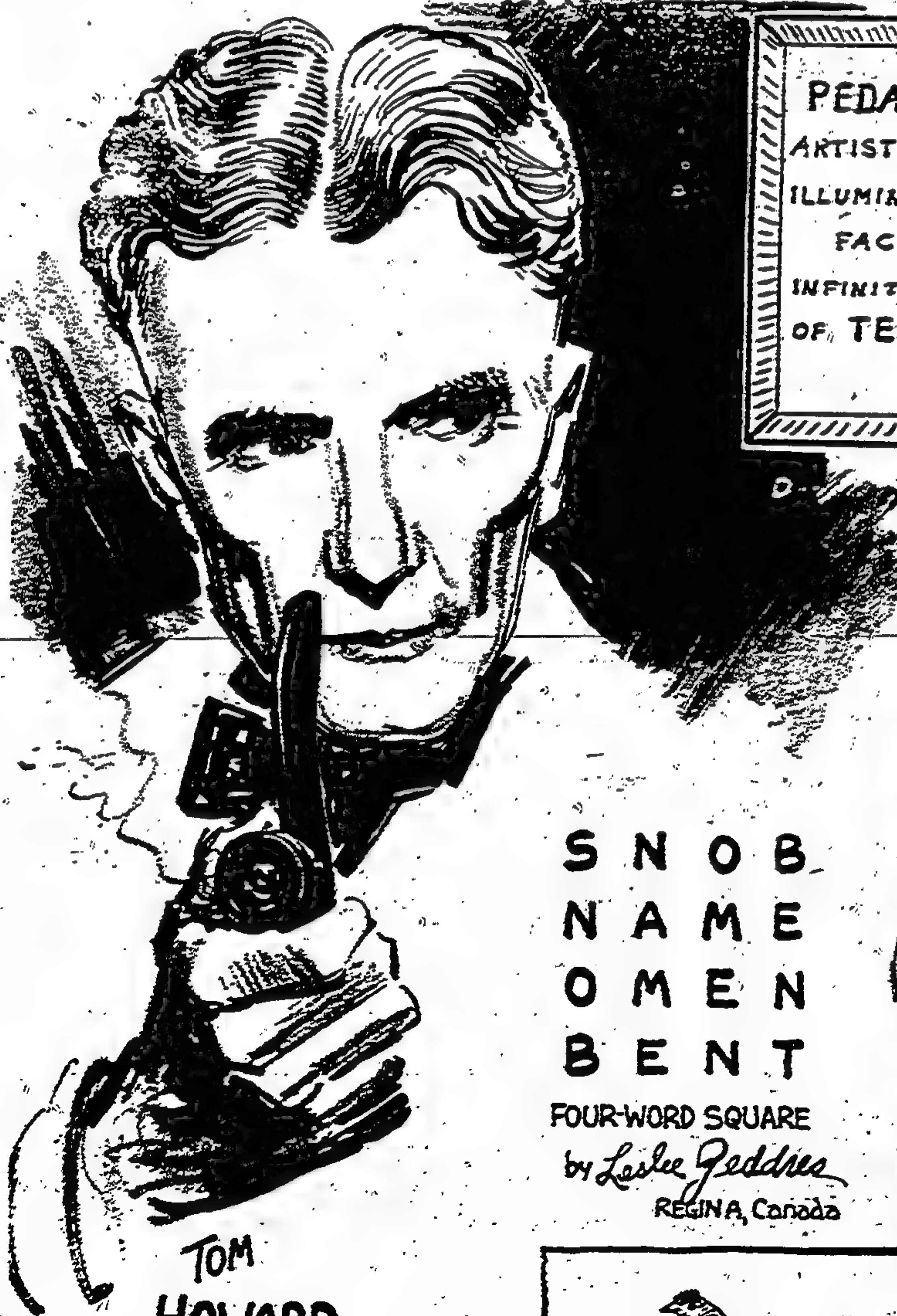
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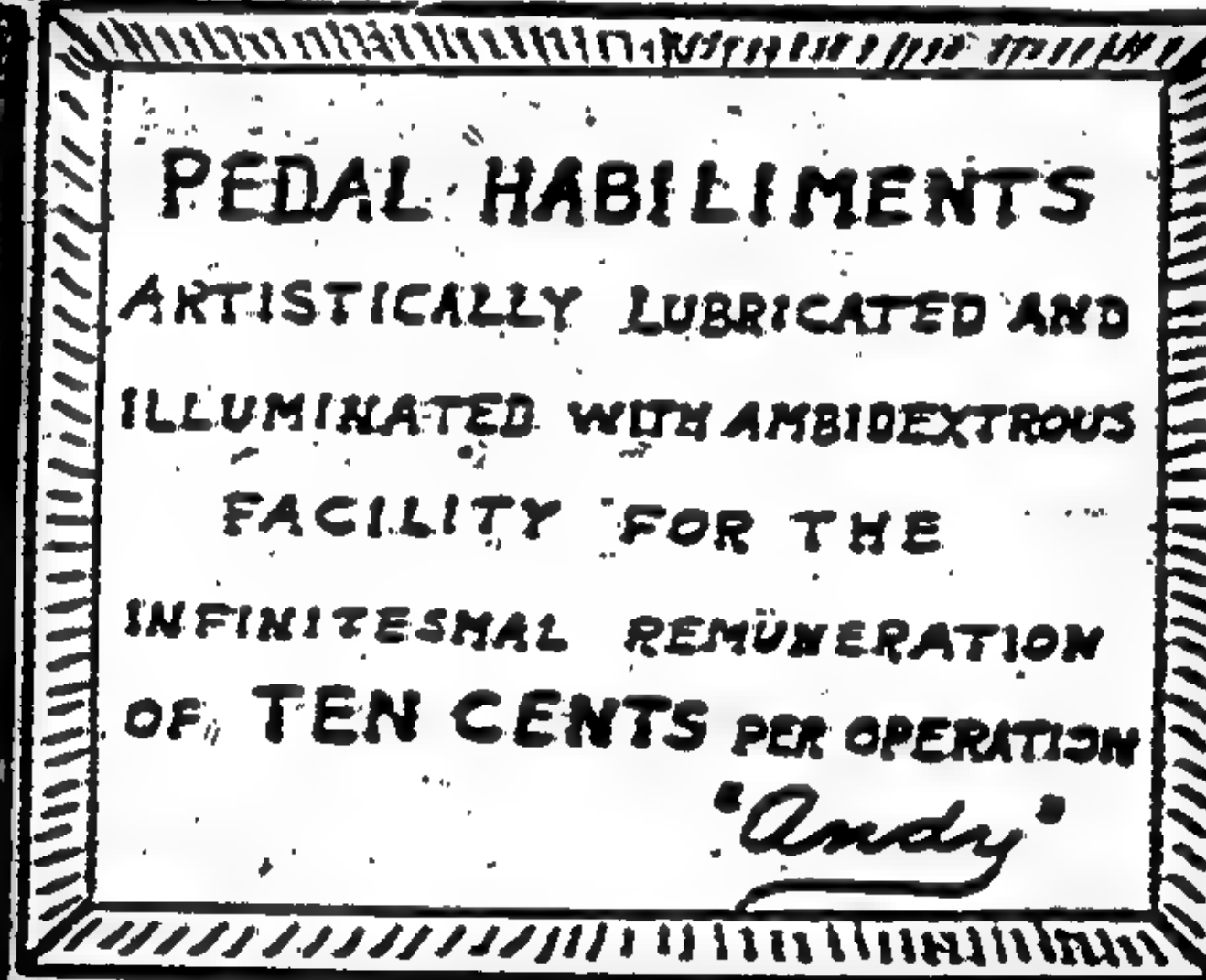
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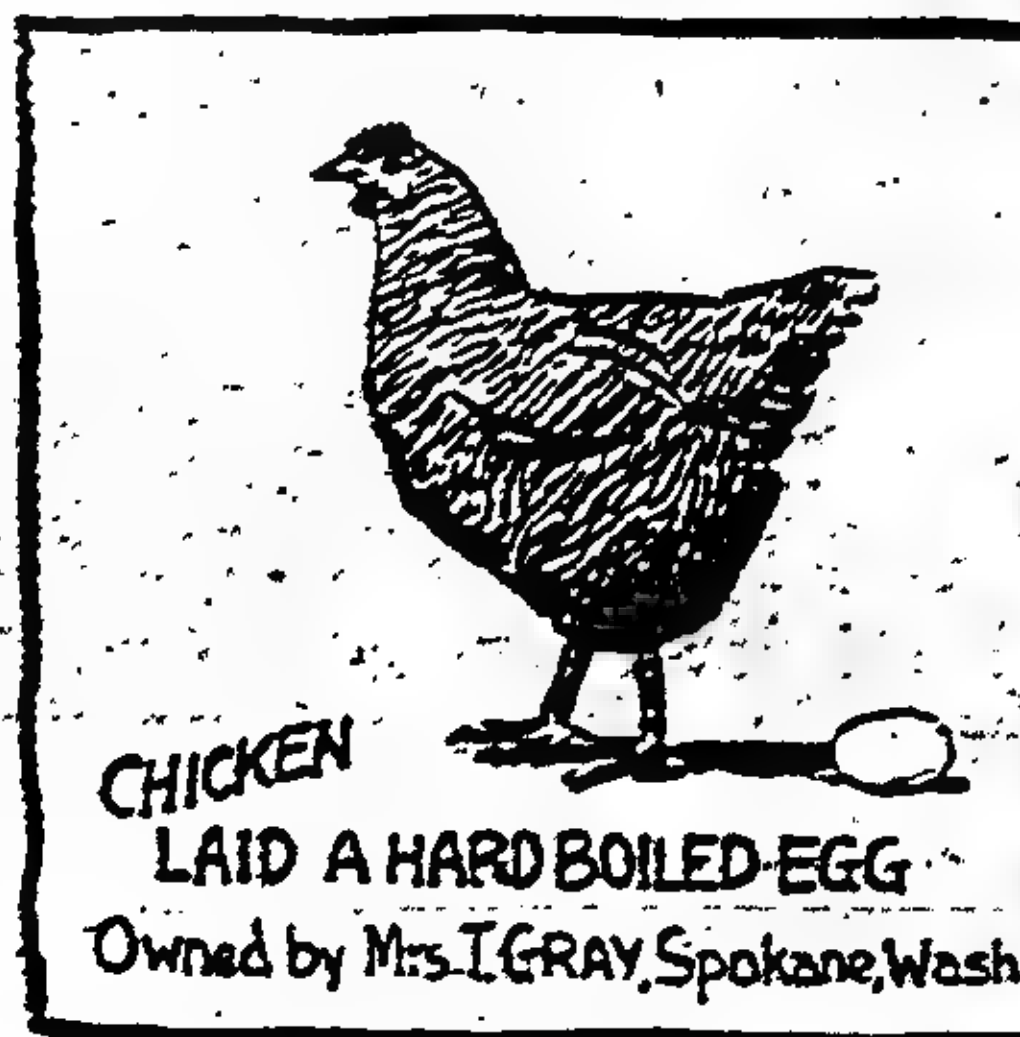
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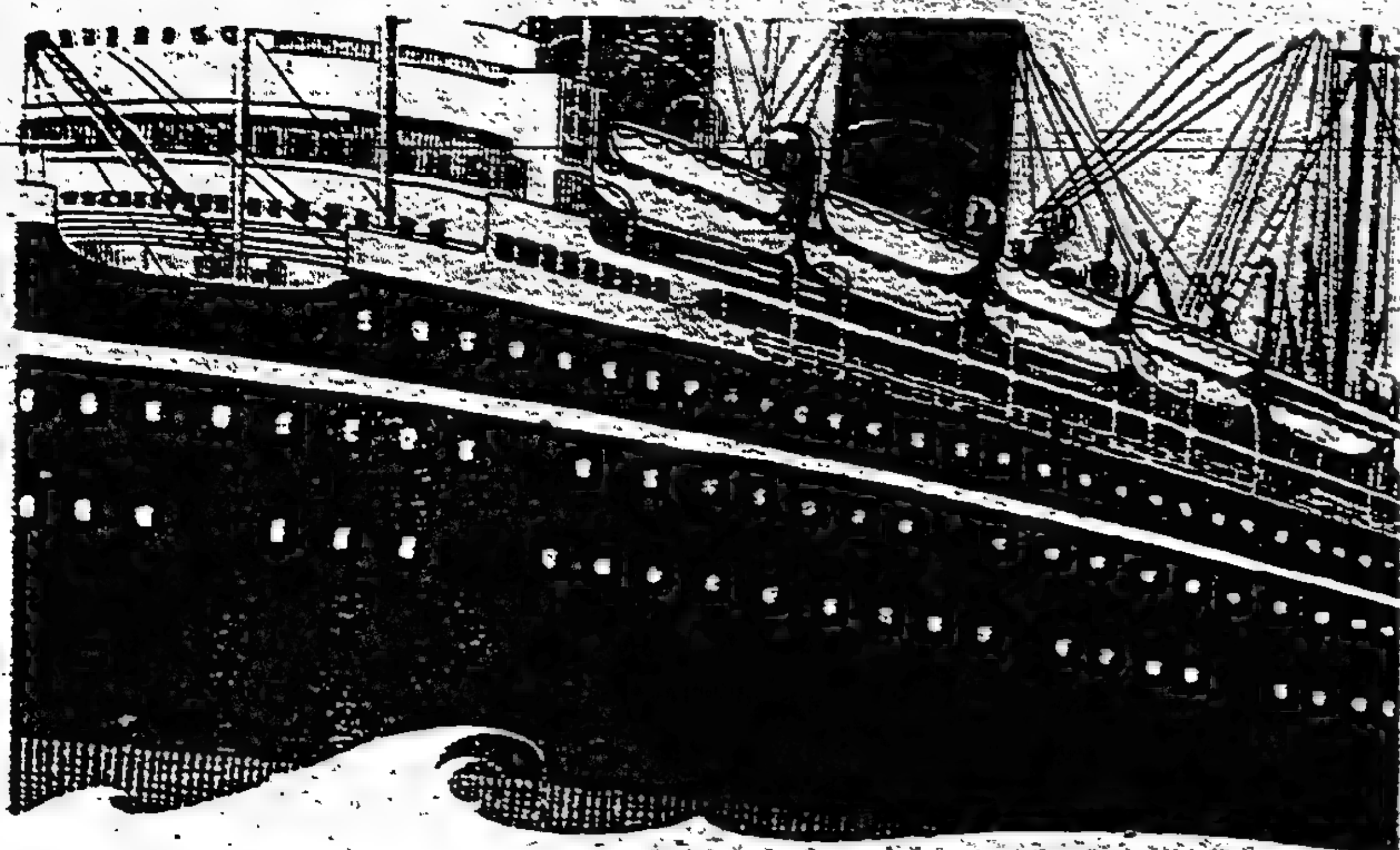


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Australia and Manila	Nelore	October 2.
Calcutta and Straits	Yuensang	October 2.
Straits	Atrous	October 4.
Japan	Ajax	October 5.
Japan and Shanghai	Chenonceaux	October 5.
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Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service" — London date 25th September	Imperial Airways Plane	October 5.
Straits	Swartshondt	October 5.

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London, Madagascar, and South Africa.		
Air Mail for "Imperial Airways Direct Imperial Airways Plane Service"—due London, 10th October		Fri., Oct. 1, 8.30 a.m.
	Reg.	Oct. 1, 9.30 a.m.
Air Mail for Australia by "Imperial Airways Service"—due Darwin, 5th October	Imperial Airways Plane	Fri., Oct. 1, 8.30 a.m.
	Reg.	Oct. 1, 9.30 a.m.
Japan, Honolulu, Canada, U.S.A., Central and South America and *Europe via Vancouver B.C., (Parcels for Canada only)—due Vancouver B.C., 19th October and *Europe via Siberia	Emp. of Japan	Fri., Oct. 1, 2 p.m.
	Parcels,	Oct. 1, 3.15 p.m.
Air Mail for North China, and Nanking (via Hankow) by the "Eurasia Airways Service" (To further points by surface transport as Services permit)	Eurasia Plane	Fri., Oct. 1, 4 p.m.
	Reg.	Oct. 1, 5 p.m.
	Ord.	Oct. 1, 7 a.m.
Kowloon P.O.		
	Reg.	Oct. 1, 5 p.m.
	Ord.	Oct. 1, 7 a.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, *East and Corfu	Saturday	Sat., Oct. 2, 9.30 a.m.
*South Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 29th October	G.P.O. and K.P.O.	Oct. 2, 10.30 a.m.
	Parcels,	Oct. 2, 1.50 p.m.
Manila, Rabaul, Australia and New Nankin		Oct. 2, 1.30 p.m.
Zealand via Brisbane—due Brisbane, 19th October	Parcels,	Oct. 2, 1.30 p.m.
	Reg.	Oct. 2, 1.30 p.m.
	Ord.	Oct. 2, 1.30 p.m.
Air Mail for "K.L.M. Service"—due Corfu, Amsterdam, 10th October	G.P.O. and K.P.O.	Oct. 2, 1.30 p.m.
	Reg.	Oct. 2, 1.30 p.m.
	Ord.	Oct. 2, 1.30 p.m.
Formosa	Hong Kong Maru	Sat., Oct. 2, 1.30 p.m.
Shanghai and *Japan	Andre Lebon	Sat., Oct. 2, 1.30 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, East and South Africa	Manila Maru	Sat., Oct. 2, 2.30 p.m.
Amoy and (Fochow via Amoy)	Anshun	Sat., Oct. 2, 5 p.m.
Japan	Yuensang	Sat., Oct. 2, 5 p.m.
Swatow	Fooshing	Sun., Oct. 3, 9 a.m.
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BOMBAY		
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JAPAN via Takao and Keelung.			
JAPAN PORTS via Dairen	Hawaii Maru	Mon.	25th Oct.
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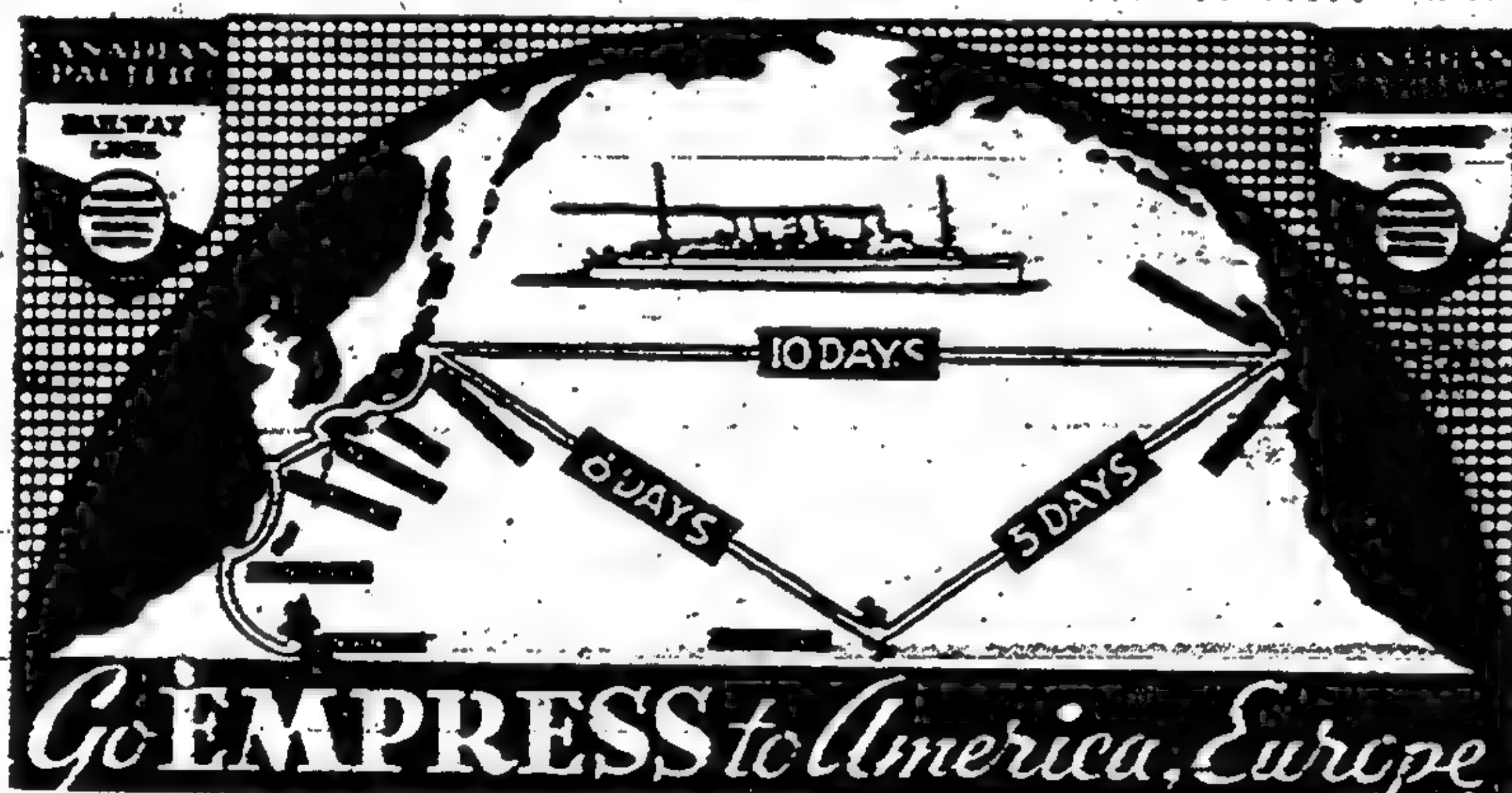
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ENTRIES FOR 8TH EXTRA RACE MEETING

The following are the Hong Kong Jockey Club entries for the Eighth Extra Race Meeting, to be held on Saturday and Monday, October 9 and 11.

FIRST DAY
1.—Carnarvon Handicap.—Winner \$500. Second \$250. Third \$150. For China Ponies, Griffins of this Season. Winners of more than \$1,500 in stakes barred. Jockey Allowance. Entrance \$5. One Mile.

Apilas, Centre Forward, Commencement Bay, King's Coronation, Ouse, Scenic View, Thunder Bay and Vira.
2. or 6.—Jordan Handicap.—First or Second Section.—Winner \$450. Second \$225. Third \$125. For China Ponies, "D" Class. Jockey Allowance. Entrance \$5. From the Two Mile Post Once Round & In (About 1 Mile 151 Yards).

Atomic Star, Coronation Day, Daylight Eve, Decease, Diogenes, Firefly, Gold Coin, Gold Sovereign, Good Morning, Happy Venture, Helephant, King's Highway, King's Parade, Lancashire Tich, Laughing Cavalier, Mariposa, Mountain View, National Anthem, Plain View, Racing Boy, Seventeenth of Sept., Shipmaster, Stopwatch, Sylvandale, Tabby Cat, Tempest, Tiny Star, Valorous, Ythan and Zero.

3.—October Handicap.—Winner \$750. Second \$300. Third \$200. For China Ponies. Jockey Allowance. Entrance \$5. One and a Quarter Miles.

Bear Claw, Cossack's Beauty, Diana Bay, Gladiator, Happy Eve, Honeymoon Eve, King's Warden, Soldier of Britain and Wild Life.

4.—Canberra Handicap.—Winner \$500. Second \$300. Third \$200. For Australia Subscription Ponies. "A" Class. Jockey Allowance. Entrance \$5. From the Two Mile Post Once Round & In (About 1 Mile 151 Yards).

Able Amazon, Aztec, Centre Court, Courting Eve, Electron, Gypsy Love, Home Brev, Katinka, Lancashire Chips, Ranger and Strathroy.

5.—Nathan Handicap.—Winner \$500. Second \$275. Third \$175. For China Ponies, "B" Class. Jockey Allowance. Entrance \$5. One and a Quarter Miles. Dawn Star, Havoc Eve, King's Justice, New Star, Potentate, Red Feather, Rose-Queen and Tyne.

7.—Katoomba Handicap.—Winner \$500. Second \$300. Third \$200. For Australian Subscription Ponies. "C" Class. Jockey Allowance. Entrance \$5. One Mile.

Beat That, Brutus, Discovery Bay, Rooify, Solarina, Twilight Star and Violet Queen.

8.—Austin Handicap.—Winner \$500. Second \$250. Third \$150. For China Ponies, "C" Class. Griffins of this Season that have won \$1,500 or less in stakes, barred. To be ridden by Jockeys who have not won ten races anywhere at any time. No Whips or Spurs allowed. Entrance \$5. One Mile.

Amberley, Boolat Bay, Jungle Jim, King's Bounty, King's Jubilee, King's Lead, Rob Roy, Royal Consort and Royal Highness.

SECOND DAY
1. or 8.—Kiangsi Handicap.—First or Second Section.—Winner \$500. Second \$250. Third \$150. For China Ponies, "C" Class. Winners at this Meeting, barred. Jockey Allowance. Entrance \$5. From the Two Mile Post Once Round & In (About 1 Mile 151 Yards).

Amberley, Apilas, Bistre, Boolat Bay, Centre Forward, Commencement Bay, Gordito, King's Bounty, King's Corona-

LOCAL DOLLAR

The demand rate of the Hong Kong dollar this morning was 1/22 1/2. "Spot" Silver was quoted at 19/15/16 and "Forward" at 19/11/16. The London on New York cross-rate was quoted at 2/8.5/4.9510 and the New York on London cross-rate at 2/8.5/4.953/16.

Singapore Raw Rubber

Messrs. H. B. Joseph and Co. have received the following quotations from Singapore in Straits Currency for Raw Rubber:
Spot 28 1/2 b. down 1/2.
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April/June 29 1/4 b. down 5/8.
Market:—Uncertain.

tion, King's Jubilee, King's Lead, Kum Shan, Laughing Buddha, Night View, Rob Roy, Rose Evelyn, Royal Consort, Royal Highness, Soldier of China, Vira and Wild Cat.

2.—Kwangsi Handicap.—Winner \$550. Second \$275. Third \$175. For China Ponies, "B" Class. Winners at this Meeting barred. Jockey Allowance. Entrance \$5. Six Furlongs.

Dawn Star, Harvest View, Havoc Eve, King's Justice, New Star, Potentate, Red Feather, Rose-Queen, Thunder Bay and Tyne.

3.—Double Tenth Plate.—Winner \$750. Second \$300. Third \$200. For China Ponies. Weight for inches as per scale. Entrance \$5. From the 1 1/2 Mile Post (About 5 Furlongs).

Bear Claw (161), Gladiator (158), Happy Eve (158), Honeymoon Eve (161), King's Warden (161), Oak Bay (161), Soldier of Britain (161) and Wild Life (161).

4. or 6.—Human Handicap.—First or Second Section.—Winner \$450. Second \$225. Third \$125. For China Ponies, "D" Class. Winners at this Meeting, barred. Jockey Allowance. Entrance \$5. Six Furlongs.

Araxy, Atomic Star, Copper Idol, Coronation Day, Daylight Eve, Decease, Diogenes, Firefly, Gold Coin, Gold Sovereign, Good Morning, Happy Venture, Helephant, King's Highway, King's Parade, Laughing Cavalier, Laughing Girl, Mariposa, Mountain View, National Anthem, Plain View, Racing Boy, Seventeenth of Sept., Shipmaster, Stopwatch, Sylvandale, Tabby Cat, Tempest, Tiny Star, Valorous, Whalsey, Ythan and Zero.

5.—Catala Handicap.—Winner \$500. Second \$300. Third \$200. For Australian Subscription Ponies. "B" Class. Jockey Allowance. Entrance \$5. From the Two Mile Post Once Round & In (About 1 Mile 151 Yards).

A Great Time, Australian Boy, Bag Tor, Blandford, Llanarmon, Perfect Day, Racing Heart, Sancy Face, Snowy River, Strathcarrick, Vixen Tor and Zodiac.

7.—Fukien Handicap.—Winner \$450. Second \$225. Third \$125. For China Ponies, "E" Class and Subscription Griffins of this Club of this Season that have not won more than \$600 in stakes. Winners at this Meeting, barred. To be ridden by Jockeys who have not won ten races anywhere at any time. No Whips or Spurs allowed. Entrance \$5. One Mile.

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 Hong Kong Bank \$1560 b.
 Bank of East Asia \$90 sa.
INSURANCES
 Union Ins. \$525 b.
SHIPPING
 H. K. Steamboats \$10 s.
 Indo-Chinas (Pref.) \$51 b.
 Indo-Chinas (Def.) \$43 b.
DOCKS, WHARVES, GODOWNS, ETC.
 H. K. and K. Wharves \$113 b.
 H. K. and W. Docks \$26 1/4 b.
 Providents (Old) \$207 1/2 b., \$207 1/2 sa.
 Providents (New) 60 cts. s.
LANDS, HOTELS & BLDGS.
 H. K. and S. Hotels \$5.30 b.
 H. K. Lands \$30 b.
 H. K. Realities \$470 b.
PUBLIC UTILITIES
 H. K. Tramways \$13 b.
 Peak Trams (Old) \$5 b.
 Peak Trams (New) \$2 1/2 b.
 Star Ferries \$79 sa.
 China Lights (Old) \$10.80 b.
 China Lights (New) \$10 1/4 b.
 H. K. Electrics \$54 b.
 Telephones (Old) \$25 b.
 Telephones (New) \$34 b.
INDUSTRIALS
 Cements \$12.70 b., \$12.60/12.75 sa.
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Lancashire Chips Shows Fighting Spirit

MR. CHOY WING CHIU REPORTED TO BE RETIRING FROM TURF

VIOLET QUEEN PROVIDES BIG DISAPPOINTMENT

(By "RAPIER")

Brilliant sunshine favoured the Seventh Extra Race Meeting, which was conducted under highly satisfactory conditions last Saturday at the Valley. Despite the somewhat trying hot weather, the attendance was most gratifying, and a reflection of the large number of people who turned up at this meeting could be found in the steady payments made on the results of the Cash Sweeps.

Practically all the nine races provided very close finishes, the best of which was undoubtedly the splendid struggle for supremacy between Double Finesse and Lancashire Chips in the Corroborree Handicap. The track looked in splendid condition, although slightly on the heavy side, as a result of which the times returned could be regarded as satisfactory. The most pleasant feature of the meeting was the fact that out of 104 ponies entered, 92 were accepted, which must have been gratifying to the Officials of the Hong Kong Jockey Club.

Riding honours among the oc-keys were fairly evenly divided, with Messrs. W. H. S. Davis and H. C. Pih leading with two wins each. Mr. Norman Deitz also had a good day with one win and four seconds. None of the Owners could score more than one win, which in itself is sufficient indication of the keen competition which prevailed.

Potentate's Win

The first race, the Tweed Island Bay Handicap for "B" Class China ponies, over a mile, resulted more or less according to expectations; nevertheless, it was also in the nature of a slight upset, as Potentate (Mr. Deitz), the eventual winner was not made favourite. The public placed its confidence in Expansion Time (Mr. S. C. Liang) and its defeat can only be attributed to the fact that it carried 163 lbs. as against 148 lbs. by Potentate—a concession of no less than 15 lbs.

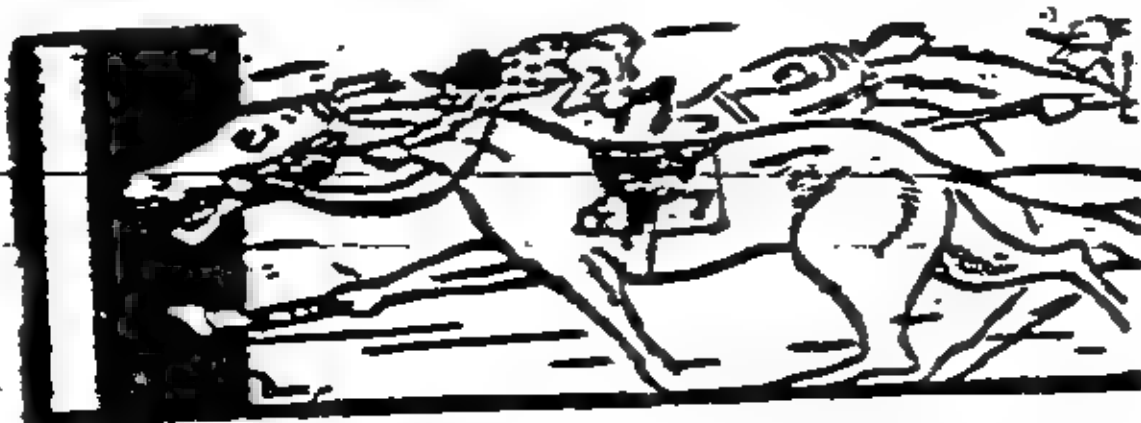
In my opinion, however, I consider that Mr. Deitz won the race as a result of clever judgment when he sent Potentate up to take the lead by a few lengths after passing the Rock, thus forcing Mr. S. C. Liang, to take up the challenge earlier than he expected.

Coming into the straight, Mr. Deitz had no difficulty in maintaining his useful lead, and despite determined riding by Mr. Liang, Expansion Time could make no impression on the leader and had to remain satisfied with being second.

After trailing behind most of the way, Mr. W. G. Poy certainly did well to bring Rose Queen in to fill third place.

Ranger Left Standing

The best and most exciting finish of the day was seen in the second race, the Corroborree Handicap for "A" Class Australian ponies. The distance was about five furlongs, and the start of the race saw Ranger (Mr. Poy) turning in the wrong direction, as a result of which it was left behind. About five ponies got away together on the rise of the barrier, and it was not until



after passing the Rock that the leaders made their appearance. Mr. Pih on Double Finesse drew No. 7 position, and I think he won the race just before reaching the mile and a quarter post, when he managed to get his mount near the rails. It was here that Mr. Proulx had to draw back Lancashire Chips, as it was practically forced into a position outside.

A terrific struggle ensued between these two ponies all the way down the straight, with Double Finesse slightly in front, and it was indeed a treat to see the way Lancashire Chips making such a grand attempt to take the lead. The result was very close and amidst great excitement Double Finesse flashed past the post a head in front.

Able Amazon (Mr. S. C. Liang) created a mild surprise by coming in third, as it was considered that the distance was too short. In view of its fine performance in this race, Able Amazon should be watched later over longer distances.

Happy Venture Runs Away

The Sub-Griffins Autumn Plate for China ponies, Subscription Griffins of this Season, provided an event of considerable interest. In the first place, Mr. S. L. Yuen was taken for a ride by Happy Venture, which was certainly in a happy mood, as it galloped practically round the track in the opposite direction, and it was only after some difficulty that it was got under control.

In spite of having expended its energy, Happy Venture shot out to the front from the start, but Mr. Poy on Coronation Day created a mild flurry when he ran away with a lead of several lengths. Coronation Day was still leading within two hundred yards from the winning post, but it had no finish.

Tempest (Mr. Deitz) was the first



Many will regret the reported decision of Mr. Choy Wing-chiu, above, to retire from the Hong Kong turf as a Jockey.

to catch up, but its lead was only short-lived, as Shipmaster flashed past on the outside and snatched a glorious win, with Tempest second, and the third place resulted in a dead-heat between Atomic Star and Mariposa.

Error Of Judgment?

In the Vancluse Handicap for "B" Class Australian ponies over six furlongs, I cannot help believing that Mr. Deitz made an error of judgment on Blandford when he hung too far back. Drawing No. 2 position, he was certainly expected to get a good start, but to the consternation of its backers, Blandford was practically last on rounding the bend.

Vixen Tor (Mr. Davis) provided the stronger finish, and won by a length without being seriously challenged, but had Blandford been further up, the result might have been different.

Mr. B. L. Tao handled Australian Boy very well to fill third place.

Rob Roy's Gallant Bid

In the Island Bay Handicap for "C" Class China ponies (First Section), King's Coronation (Mr. Proulx) was made favourite, and it certainly justified the confidence of its many supporters. Carrying 165 lbs., Rob Roy found the burden a little too severe, and in finishing second it put up a good performance. Quite a number of the ponies were bunched together most of the way, but after rounding the bend it was observed that King's Coronation was on the outside, and it finished quite easily, although Mr. Deitz made a great effort on Rob Roy. Kum Shan (Mr. K. S. Shu) was third.

Excellent Riding

The Clear Water Bay Stakes for "E" Class China ponies provided Mr. H. C. Pih with his second win of the day, and it was well deserved, as he handled his mount to a nicety. Much was expected from Ebony Idol, which finished second, as the distance of about five furlongs was more to its liking. In fact, Ebony Idol was leading a hundred yards from the post, but King's Parade's challenge was well timed, and it passed the leader with a length to spare, with Philanderer coming through on the outside to snatch third place.

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3 DIVISIONS WERE BIG SUCCESS

Recreio's Consistency Earns Just Reward

H.K. FOOTBALLERS FAILED BADLY WITH TALENT AT THEIR DISPOSAL

(By "SKIP")

THE Lawn Bowls League season has virtually concluded with the exception of the annual match between Hong Kong and Kowloon for the Aitkenhead Shield, which will take place to-morrow on the Kowloon Bowling Green Club's greens, and the time is now ripe for my annual review of the season, both from a tournament and League point of view.

IN THE FIRST PLACE IT IS NECESSARY TO CONGRATULATE THE ASSOCIATION ON THEIR WISDOM IN RUNNING THREE DIVISIONS OF THE LEAGUE! THE SCHEME HAS BEEN A GREAT SUCCESS AND HAS NOT ONLY ENABLED MANY MORE PLAYERS TO TAKE PART IN THE GAME—A SIGN OF THE GROWING POPULARITY OF OUR GAME—BUT HAS ALSO RELIEVED WHAT WOULD HAVE BEEN AN UNPRECEDENTED CONGESTION OF FIXTURES AT THE END OF THE SEASON. IT HAS BEEN A VERY WET SEASON, ADMITTEDLY, AND POSTPONEMENTS HAVE BEEN MANY. THE MATCH BETWEEN CLUB DE RECREIO AND KOWLOON DOCK HAVING BEEN POSTPONED ON FOUR OCCASIONS.

The various Open competitions have been well organised and have produced some good games for both players and spectators. Here again the H.K.L.B.A. deserve praise for their idea of playing several matches at one Club in an evening! Spectators, especially in the earlier rounds, have been much more numerous than had the games been spread over four or five greens, making it impossible to see more than one match.

Those clubs which have gone to the trouble of making adequate arrangements (and this does not apply to all of them) have benefitted both financially and in prestige.

Departing from generalities I will get down to my comments on the League, once again complimenting Club de Recreio on their well-earned success. Admittedly their record is not quite as imposing as that of the deposed champions, Craigengower, as they lost two games out of 14, whereas C.C.C. had only one defeat in 18 matches, the Civil Service Club alone inflicting their solitary defeat. The Portuguese team have done their stuff well, losing to the Champions at Happy Valley by 30 shots, and going down to the Kowloon Bowling Green Club by a couple, they have finished up with a majority of 212 shots in their favour.

They had some smashing victories, their biggest one being against Kowloon Dock, in the last match of the season, when they also chalked up their biggest total of the season. As they had beaten this same team by no less than 32 shots on the previous Saturday, the Dock team have a high opinion of them! I have recently written about their team work, and would record that 10 of their team have played in every match, and one player missed the honour by reason of a mix-up on a rainy day, when a substitute played in his place. A very fine record.

And touching on the subject of records, I believe it is a fact that C. G. Silva has played in every League match which Club de Recreio

SECOND AND THIRD DIVISION REVIEWS FOR TO-MORROW

Owing to pressure of space in to-day's issues, reviews by "Skip" of the second and third division of the lawn bowls league have unavoidably been held over till to-morrow's editions.

....Sports Editor.

have indulged in since they joined the League in 1927—a period of 10 seasons! He was one of the merry band who commenced to learn the game when their new Club house was built, and the green duly declared open for play. Others of similar enthusiasm were F. X. Silva, P. A. Yvanovich, J. V. Rebeiro, F. X. Soares and L. C. R. Souza, and it must have been very gratifying to Bob Hall, Willie Russell and Bob Lapsley to hear of their first Championship, for these three stalwarts went over as pioneers, from the Kowloon Bowling Green Club, to teach them the "young" idea.

FINE START

How well they instilled the rudiments of the game is proven by the fact that they won a League match just one week after having their first game! Team spirit plus skill has been the secret of their success, and it would be invidious to single out any individual for the credit. Their three skips have played in all matches, and as they occupy three out of the first six places in the skip's table, an idea of their consistency can be formed.

Passing from the Champions, I come to Craigengower who, although they never went ahead, were always comfortably handy and ready to take advantage of an opportunity to advance should the Portuguese Club make an error. Their three defeats were against Club de Recreio, at King's Park (which was really the deciding match although so early in the season), the Police, on the latter's green, and Kowloon Docks, at the Valley, the total de-

fict being only 15 shots! U. M. Omar was their outstanding man, in fact the player of the year, and was beaten in the League only once, Joe Fraser having better of him by two shots when two Third Division men were playing for the Valley skip, who had his lead playing as Number Three.

NOT YET MATURE

A. M. Omar has shown greatly improved from, though he has not yet the matured experience of his elder brother. Bradbury has also played well (as he always does), but Coates, as his third man, has been really outstanding. Dr. Atienza has proved himself a very sound number two, to Basa, with Charlie Rosset proving deadly with his heavy ones, at number three.

Dick Basa has not had a good (Continued on Page 20)

COMPLETE BOWLS "RECORDS" FOR PAST SEASON

The following are the outstanding records from the three divisions:—

FIRST DIVISION

HIGHEST RINK AGGREGATE:—G. Perkins (P.R.C.) 35 versus L. Guy (K.B.G.C.).
BIGGEST RINK WIN:—F. X. Silva 28 shots up against A. Hyde Lay.
HIGHEST CLUB AGGREGATE:—Kowloon Dock 85 versus P.R.C.
BIGGEST CLUB WIN:—Kowloon Dock 49 shots versus P.R.C.

SECOND DIVISION

HIGHEST RINK AGGREGATE:—H. V. Pearse 42 versus G. S. Alexander.
BIGGEST RINK WIN:—H. V. Pearse 37 shots up against G. S. Alexander.
HIGHEST CLUB AGGREGATE:—Club de Recreio 86 versus K.C.C.
BIGGEST CLUB WIN:—C.C.C. 49 shots up against K.C.C.

THIRD DIVISION

HIGHEST RINK AGGREGATE:—K. S. Robertson 39 versus A. A. Lewis.
BIGGEST RINK WIN:—A. H. Basto 29 shots up against M. K. Rakusen.
HIGHEST CLUB AGGREGATE:—Yacht Club 84 versus C.C.C. and Kowloon Tong 84 versus C.S.C.C.
BIGGEST CLUB WIN:—Kowloon Tong 53 shots up against C.S.C.C.

Bowlers all the world over being what they are, I am conscious that I have inadvertently annoyed some players. Will they, in conclusion, accept my assurance that in my notes there has never been any venom, but just a trifle leg-pull. See you on the Jack!

The next meeting of the Hong Kong Softball League will be held at the Cecil Hotel at 5.30 p.m. on October 4. Entries will close to-day and should be sent to Mr. W. A. Smith, in care of the "China Mail".

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CALDBECK'S

3 DIVISIONS WERE BIG SUCCESS

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year and has dropped several places in the Skip's table, which to my mind, is a fair indication of the player's individual merit. I know that some bowlers disagree with the Skip's table, but when one comes to consider the number of occasions a skip has to either save, or add a shot, or even may be "make" the head of his own accord, it appears just that he should be given what credit there is. Especially is this so where a club runs more than one team.

GOOD START—POOR ENDING

Next in the League come the Kowloon Dock team, who must have proved as disappointing to them-

selves as they did to their critics. Starting the season in great form, they looked as if they might become champions, but after winning six out of their first seven matches (going down by one shot to Craigen-gower, at Hung Hom), they subsequently won only one more game, when they had the better of Craigen-gower, at the Valley after a spectacular finish by McKelvie.

That result left still them in the running for the honours, but two defeats at the hands of Recreio not only spoiled their chances, but made the latter club the champions. Of the Dock team, McKelvie proved himself to be the outstanding player and a good skip, his calm play and steady temperament, lacking in so

many bowlers who aspire to the Skip's position, earning him his honours as Scotland's skip in the Gutierrez International Shield.

He has kept his rink pretty well intact during the last 10 matches or so.

FINISHED SECOND

"Jock" finished second amongst the skips. He received most support from Revie, who was nearly always good and frequently brilliant, whilst Pearson was usually handy, if not what one could describe as a deadly lead. Cullen, the Dock team's most regular skip, (as duties permitted him to play in every match), commenced the season in very good form, but did not keep it up, though he was liable to put in a real "bobby

dazzle" when required. He was fortunate in having the most steady of the club's leads, Victor Ramsay, for most of the matches, although the latter was not up to the form which secured him his Interport honours in 1933 and 1935.

Bob Morrison, at number three, has played some good games, but has not the temperament of a number three! On his play, which is brilliant at times, he could probably attain Interport standard as second man if he would set himself out to specialise in that one position, which is just as vital to a rink's success as any other. I do not agree that a good second man must be promoted to three, any more than I subscribe to the opinion that just because a man is a good lead he will necessarily prove successful as third man or skip. It's a question of temperament and personality.

J. C. Brown, who has not been able to play regularly, has proved disappointing and won only a couple of matches out of the ten in which he participated.

GUY BEST FOR K.B.G.C.

The K.B.G.C. have not had a successful year and like the Dock team, finished up with half their matches won and half lost. Guy was their most successful skip, losing five out of 12 matches in which he played. In Armstrong as his number three, he had a very strong player and probably the most improved man in the Club, whilst his lead, Walker, who obtained International honour for Scotland, played some sound games, though showing a tendency to be short on occasion. Guy too was good, as he always has been to my recollection, and saved the situation repeatedly with his steady draws to the jack.

Claude Hosking made good as a skip and with another of last year's second players, in J. C. Gill, as his third man, did well to win half his matches. He had Bright, England's number one, and Lines as his earlier man, and they have proved a congenial rink. Adam Holland played in half the matches and more than held his own, but seemed to lack the zest and fire which have previously characterised his game. He had a very fine leader in Archie Russell, as those who saw the Open Semi-finals will agree, whilst Willie Russell, a very old stager, who was deadly on occasion, was an adequate Number two. Jock Logan soon earned promotion from the Seconds, and gave his skip good support in this all-Scotch rink!

The Civil Service Cricket Club did not start their season at all well, winning only two of their first seven games, but they did much better as the season progressed and doubled their number of wins in the second half. Randle proved to be their most successful skip with the other two regulars, Jack Hollidge and McGowan just about holding their own.

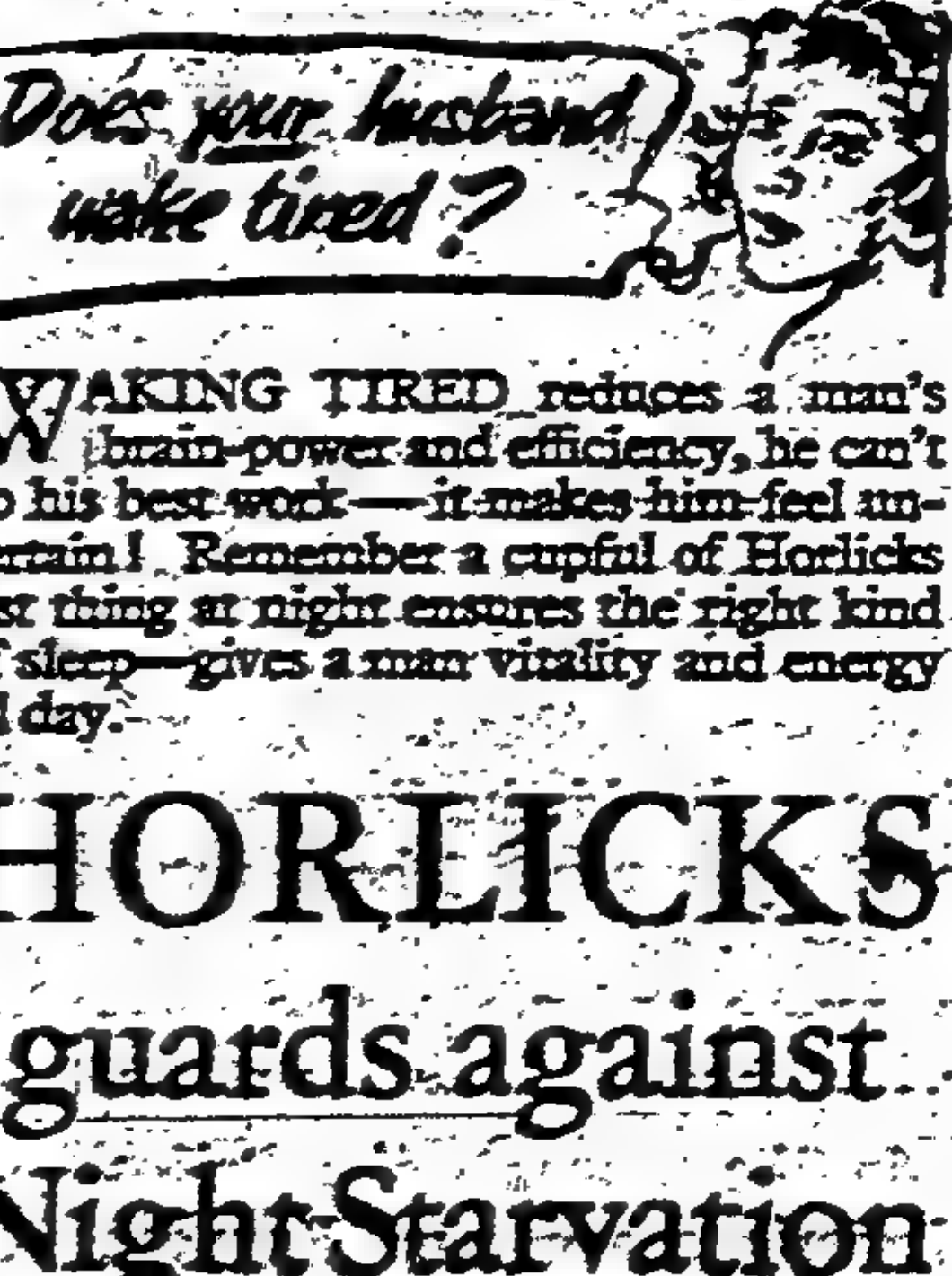
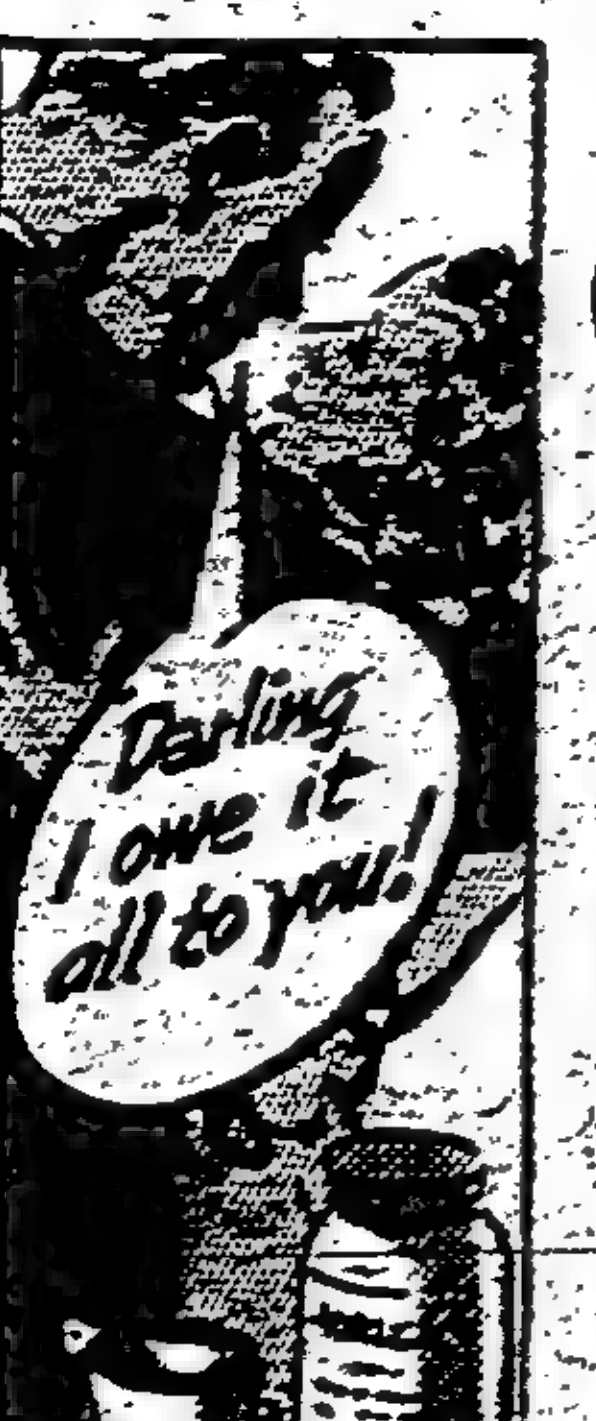
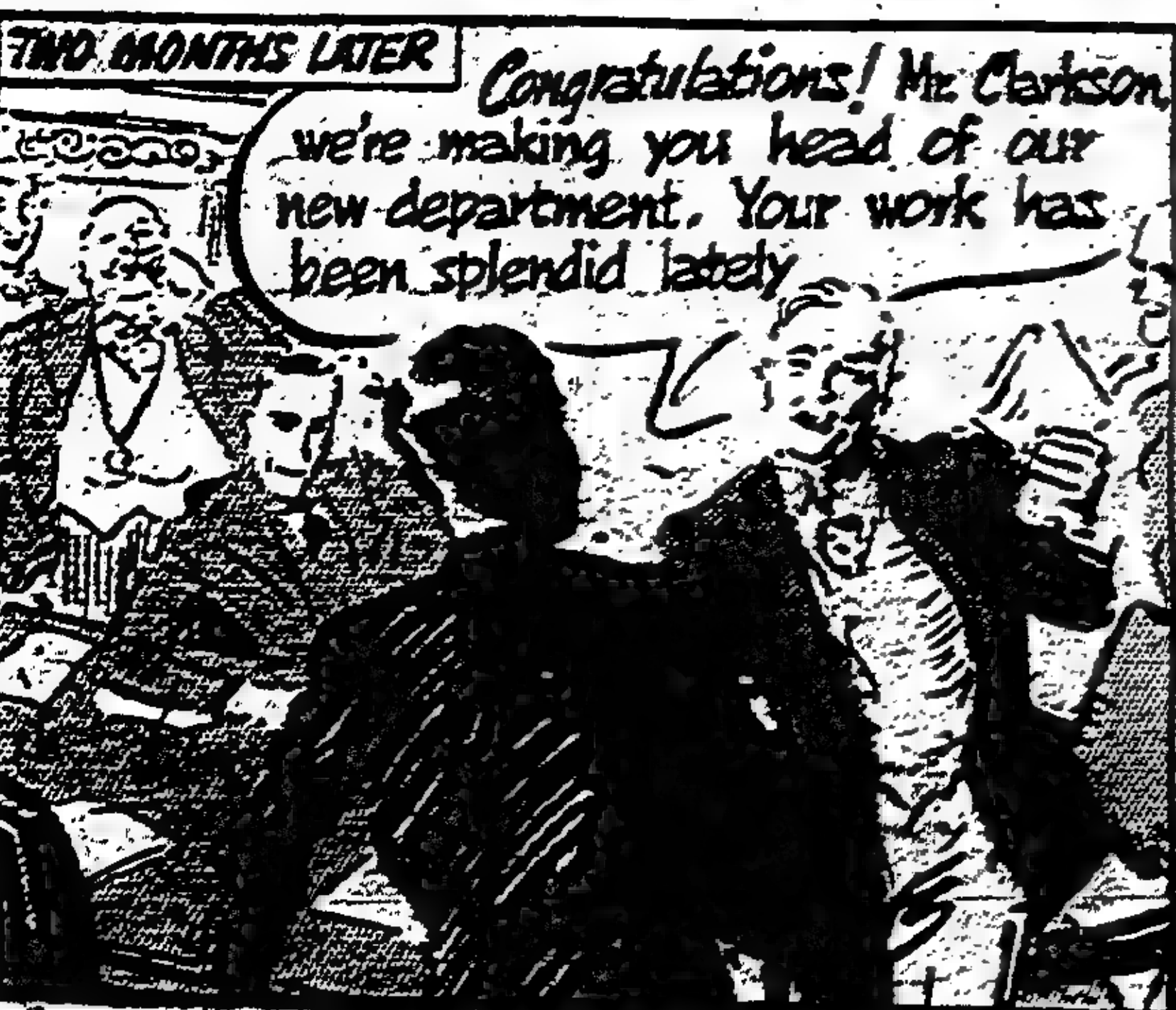
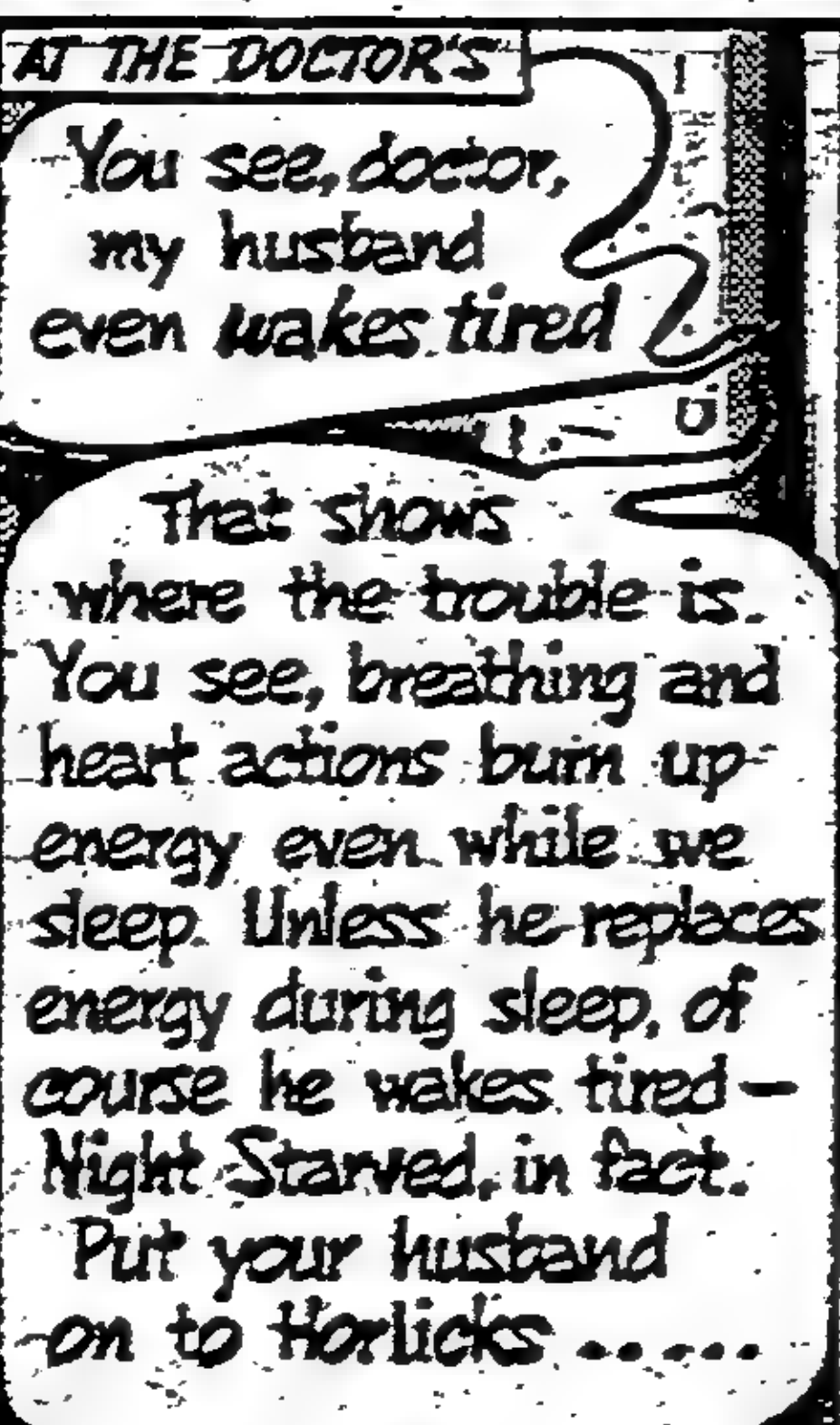
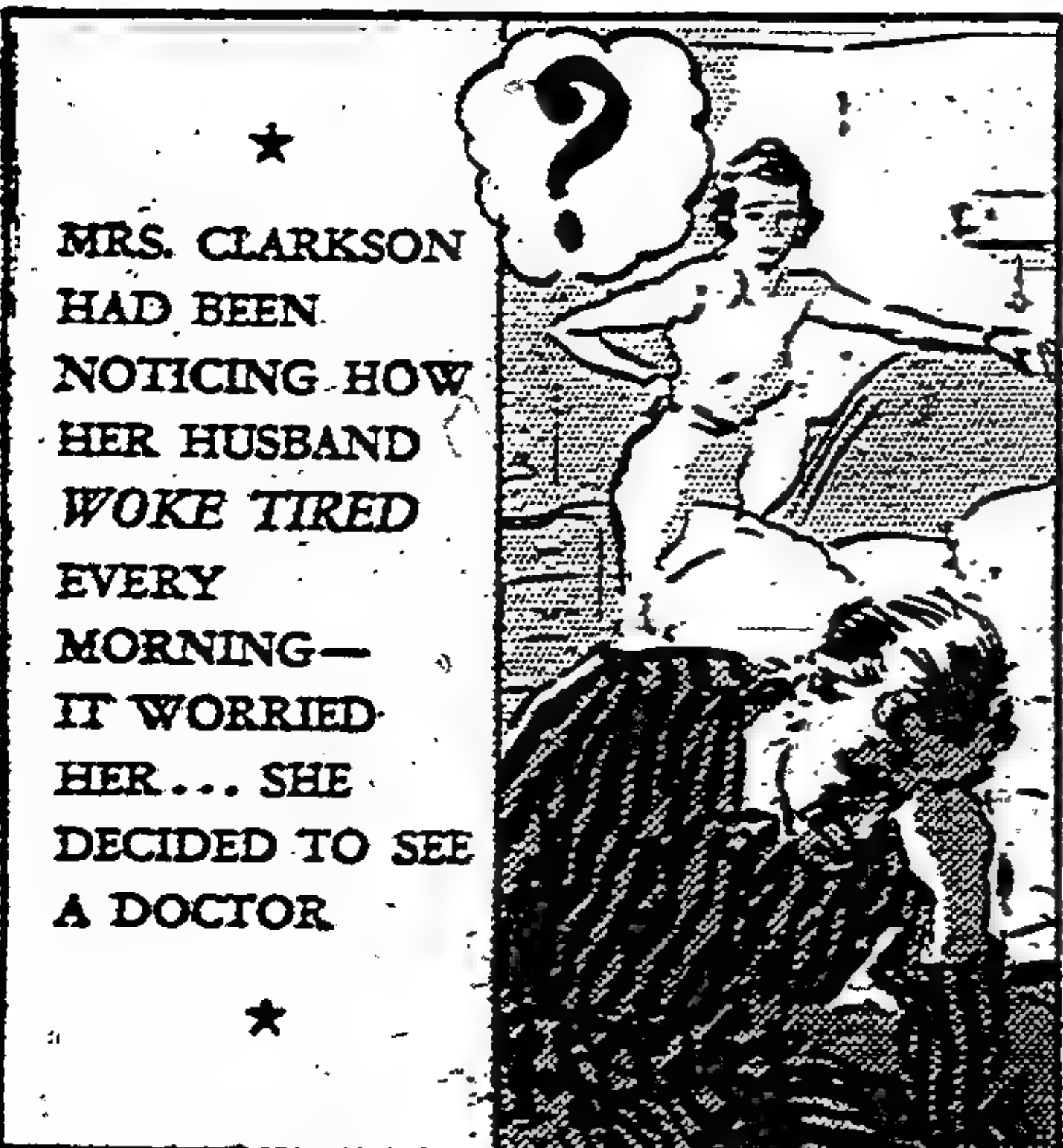
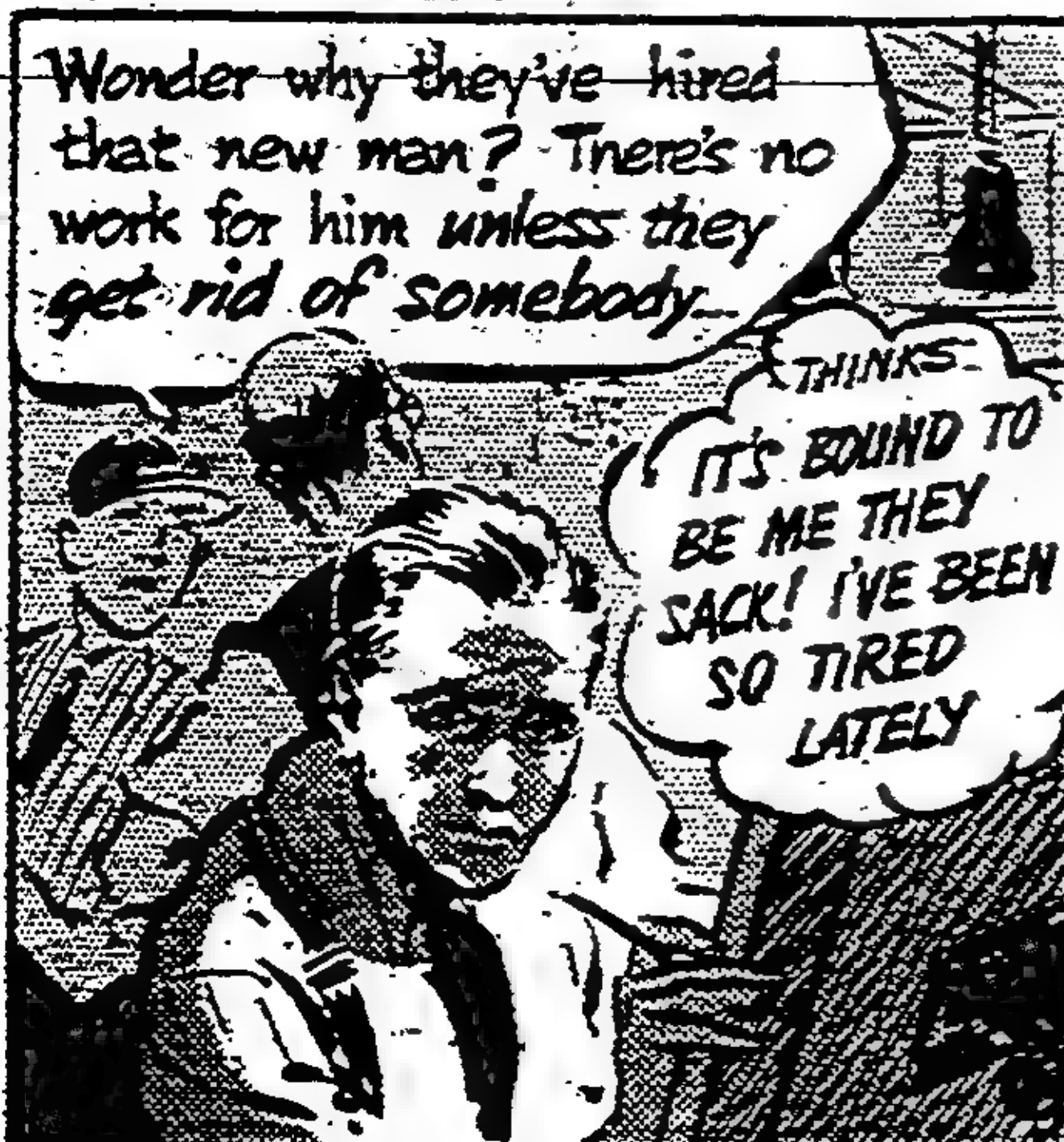
GELLATLY SHINES

Randle was always steady to brilliant and would have been certain of a place in the Interport team I imagine. He has retained the same four for the last ten matches or so and, in Gellatly, had a very good second man who, especially towards the latter part of the season, became superb, well meriting his position as reserve for the berth in Scotland's team, his presence in which would probably have strengthened it.

Phil Knight, when good, has been very very good, but he has had one or two poor matches. The player

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He dared not tell his wife!



BASEBALL LEAGUE PERCENTAGES FOR PAST SEASON

COLLIER AND D. LEONARD SHARE THE HONOURS

(By "SHORT STOP")

Since "the Greeks had a word for everything," there must be one for a resume of the past baseball League season. To put it very mildly, local baseball was ragged from start to finish, but it is not within possibility to put a finger on the sore spot of the sport in the Colony.

Starting with a flourish at the beginning of the season, interest waned half-way through the summer. The elements were not too kind, either, and gate receipts fell down tremendously when week-end after week-end found the ground at Caroline Hill flooded.

Criticism was rife beyond the games' activities, but hardly a constructive idea was formulated and "squawks" fell on deaf ears.

At the meeting to-day at the Peninsula Hotel, when new officers of the League will be elected, it will be the time and the place to air discontented views.

SCORING

In compiling the averages of the past season, considerable difficulty was encountered as some of the games were improperly scored. The official scorer, Mr. W. J. Fraser, did splendid work, and the percentages are the result of his hard work at the games, but there were some games which were not marked up properly, which makes it impossible to give percentages for the fielders.

The batting averages, however, are correct as they were all recorded during the season.

It is to be hoped that one official scorer will be at hand for all games next season, which will facilitate the compilation of averages.

LEADERS

As was expected, Collier, of the Pui Ching team, led the batting for the League, and he also pitched the most winning games. David Leonard, of the Volunteers, made the most homers—four in nine games. Leonard, with Collier, scored the most runs, 14, and the latter made the most hits, 19.

BATTING PERCENTAGES

Player.	Club.	Position.	G	AB	R	H	1B	2B	3B	HR	Pct.
Collier	(P. C.)	1	9	30	14	19	14	1	4	—	.633
Kawamura	(N.)	1	2	8	2	5	5	—	—	—	.625
Stofan	(P. C.)	2	9	30	12	17	11	4	—	2	.568
D. Leonard	(V.)	1	9	32	14	16	11	1	—	4	.500
Chung	(H. K. C.)	1	8	24	8	12	12	—	—	—	.500
Kau	(H. K. C.)	1	1	2	2	1	1	—	—	—	.500
C. S. Chung	(H. K. C.)	1	1	2	1	1	1	—	—	—	.500
Hearther	(H. K. B. C.)	1	6	19	7	9	5	1	2	1	.473
Nip Lum	(P. C.)	3	9	35	12	15	15	—	—	—	.427
S. Leonard	(V.)	2	7	22	10	9	7	—	2	—	.410
R. McCall	(H. K. B. C.)	2	9	27	5	11	7	2	2	—	.407
Divett	(H. K. B. C.)	3	8	30	8	12	6	2	3	1	.400
Walker	(H. K. B. C.)	3	6	20	4	5	5	—	—	—	.400
Akiyama	(N.)	2	2	5	1	2	2	—	—	—	.400
B. S. Ching	(H. K. C.)	4	6	20	7	8	8	—	—	—	.400
Woody Moe	(H. K. C.)	4	2	5	—	2	2	—	—	—	.400
Low	(H. K. C.)	4	2	5	1	2	2	—	—	—	.400
J. Cherng	(P. C.)	4	8	26	9	10	7	—	1	1	.384
Sa	(V.)	3	4	13	3	5	3	—	—	—	.375
Kitchell	(F.)	1	3	8	2	3	3	—	—	—	.375
Bowen	(V.)	4	9	27	9	10	2	1	5	2	.373
Mikuni	(N.)	3	6	17	6	6	4	—	2	—	.352
Pereira	(V.)	5	5	20	7	7	6	—	1	—	.350
Earl Wong	(P. C.)	5	9	35	12	12	9	—	3	—	.342
W. Kwong	(P. C.)	6	9	30	12	10	8	1	1	—	.333
E. Rogers	(H. K. B. C.)	3	3	9	2	3	3	—	—	—	.333
B. Rogers	(H. K. B. C.)	3	1	3	—	1	1	—	—	—	.333
Ali	(F.)	2	6	15	1	5	4	—	1	1	.333
Al Chan	(H. K. C.)	7	6	21	8	7	5	—	—	—	.333
Mann	(H. K. C.)	7	1	3	1	1	1	—	—	—	.333
M. Chang	(H. K. C.)	9	7	22	4	7	5	1	1	—	.318
Alvares	(F.)	3	7	19	5	6	4	—	1	1	.315
Paulino	(F.)	4	5	16	1	5	4	—	—	—	.312
H. Chung	(P. C.)	7	5	16	—	5	5	—	—	—	.312
W. Ching	(H. K. C.)	10	8	26	8	7	6	—	—	—	.307
Yamasaki	(N.)	4	6	20	5	6	4	1	1	—	.300
Kato	(N.)	5	5	17	3	5	5	—	—	—	.294
N. Leonard	(F.)	5	7	18	2	5	4	—	1	—	.277
Douglas	(P. C.)	8	6	18	8	5	4	—	—	—	.272
Yajima	(N.)	6	4	11	3	3	3	—	—	—	.266
Mendonca	(V. & F.)	—	4	15	4	4	3	1	—	—	.263
O. Arculli	(F.)	6	7	19	6	5	4	1	—	—	.250
Iwata	(N.)	7	1	4	2	1	1	—	—	—	.250
H. Chang	(H. K. C.)	11	1	4	—	1	1	—	—	—	.250
Fong	(H. K. C.)	11	1	4	2	1	1	—	—	—	.250

P. C. = Pui Ching.

N. = Nippon.

V. = Volunteers.

H. K. C. = H. K. Chinese.

H. K. B. C. = H. K. Baseball Club.

F. = Filipinos.

CLOSE FINISHES FEATURE OPENING OF RACING SECOND HALF

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Fatal Delay

The second leg of the "Daily Double," which was decided on the result of the Junk Bay Handicap for "D" Class China ponies over one mile and which was contested by Novice Jockeys, resulted in the defeat of the favourite, Plain View. Zero took up most of the running, and over a shorter distance this pony would certainly provide a greater fight, with the prospect of

scoring the win that is now long overdue. It had not the finishing power, however, and by the time the ponies reached the two mile post, it was overhauled by Plain View.

I cannot help thinking that Mr. K. I. Ip waited just a little too late to push his mount forward, and the resultant delay enabled Mr. S. W. Tang to send Diogenes through on the outside, and it eventually won

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by-half a length, another short head, separating Plain View and Valorons.

The finish was most exciting, and Mr. S. W. Tang deserved credit for his handling of Diogenes.

Violet Queen's Failure

In the Gosford Handicap for "C" Class Australian ponies over the short distance of about five furlongs, Violet Queen, ridden by Mr. Norman Deitz, provided a big disappointment. Heavily backed, it was indeed a great failure, as it ran unplaced. As generally expected, Boronia Belle (Mr. Proulx) took the lead, but could not maintain the same speed, and it simply faded out of the picture after rounding the bend. It was here that Brutus (Mr. Davis) asserted itself, and although Mr. Ip Kai Ying made a great effort to win on Twilight Star, Brutus won with half a length to spare, with Rooify (Mr. Poy) taking the other minor prize.

Commencement Bay Falls

In the last race of the day, the Island Bay Handicap over six furlongs for "C" Class China ponies (Second Section), Commencement Bay was made favourite, but it could not produce the expected last quarter. Laughing Buddha (Mr. Deitz) had the lead most of the distance, and it was not until reaching the Band Stand that Night View (Mr. Fung) caught up, and won by a length, with Gordito third, another two lengths behind Laughing Buddha.

A Jockey's Retirement

I am given to understand on good authority that Mr. Choy Wing Chiu has definitely decided to retire from riding, and I have no doubt that this news will come as a surprise to his many friends. Mr. Choy has been making rapid progress, and his decision to stop riding will be regretted by local followers of the Turf.

3 DIVISIONS WERE BIG SUCCESS

(Continued from Page 20)

who has been most in the limelight is Charlie Strange, who played Number three to McGowan for most of the season. His play has improved immensely, and he should be certain of the same position next season, if available.

The Kowloon Cricket Club lost two or three of their first team players this season, and although they have found the gaps very hard to fill, they have carried on cheerfully enough, finishing well clear of the relegation "bogey." Frank Goodwin has been the backbone of the team and has played a remarkably fine game throughout the season, whilst his number three, Bob Craig, has given him able support. Jimmy Jack their other regular skip, has on the other hand, proved disappointing! In Kern he has probably the best number three in the club, and many more victories would have come their way had the skip's construction of a head been more orthodox.

Teddy Fincher lost only a couple of matches out of nine in which he took part! With Silkstone leading well for him, and Overy playing a very sound game, at number three, they formed a strong combination and on three or four occasions carried the team to victory.

MOST DISAPPOINTING

And now I come to what I consider the most disappointing team in the First Division. The Hong Kong Football Club, not because they have to be relegated, for after all some one has to be at the bottom of the League, but by reason of the poor showing which they have made.

With the sound players at their disposal I thought they were good enough to keep their place comfortably, but they made little effort and secured only five points out of a possible 23. Beating the K.C.C. and K.B.G.C. and tying with the Police in the first six games, it looked as if they would be well satisfied with fourth or fifth position at the close of the season, but since then they have lost with a monotonous regularity and finished with a deficit of 185 shots.

WASTED TALENT

Candidly I do not think they made the best use of the material available and although I have carefully avoided any criticism of the composition of teams during the playing season, I think I may break out mildly now that the League has finished. I have in mind especially, Jake Selby, who was apparently dropped after only one match in the first team, yet more than made good in the Second Division and was due

for an early return to the First Division when some of the latter team's player did not come up to scratch.

Howell did very well as one of the leads, in fact he was quite their best Number one, whilst Carter (inevitably "Nick") after a good start to the season, seemed to deteriorate towards the end. Bebbington was consistently good throughout the season, and although his skip, Alec Macfarlane, lost eight of his 12 matches it was noteworthy that he was only 16 points to the bad at the finish. Dogged does it! Hyde-Lay was erratic, brilliant in patches, just moderate in others and had as his number three, a player who was inclined, to my mind, to be just a little too careful.

But Tuck will improve with confidence, for it must be realised that this is his first season as third man, though he is by no means a newcomer to the game. Frank Haynes was a very steady right hand man to Rodger, who was a trifle disappointing to begin with, but improved towards the end of the season.

POLICE—SOURCE OF WORRY

In the danger zone until practically the last match of the season, the Police team must have been a source of worry to their selection committee — or vice-versa! Perkins proved to the man of the year as far as this club was concerned and in the light of subsequent results, it appeared that more success might have attended the teams' efforts had he only been discovered earlier on. (But how easy it is to be wise after an event!)

Taking over a skip's job about midway through the season, he lost only one game in eight, which is a very remarkable record for a "no-vice-skip".

He had a very good lead in Ted Post, a player who did very well in the Open Singles, and few, if any opposition leads, can say they had the better of him, most being well content with holding their own.

Dalb did well as his three during the temporary loss of form of Mair and carried on with equal success as second man when the latter got back his old touch and secured promotion. Carey's rink was moved en bloc from the second team, if I remember rightly, but they have not been quite the success which the selection committee anticipated.



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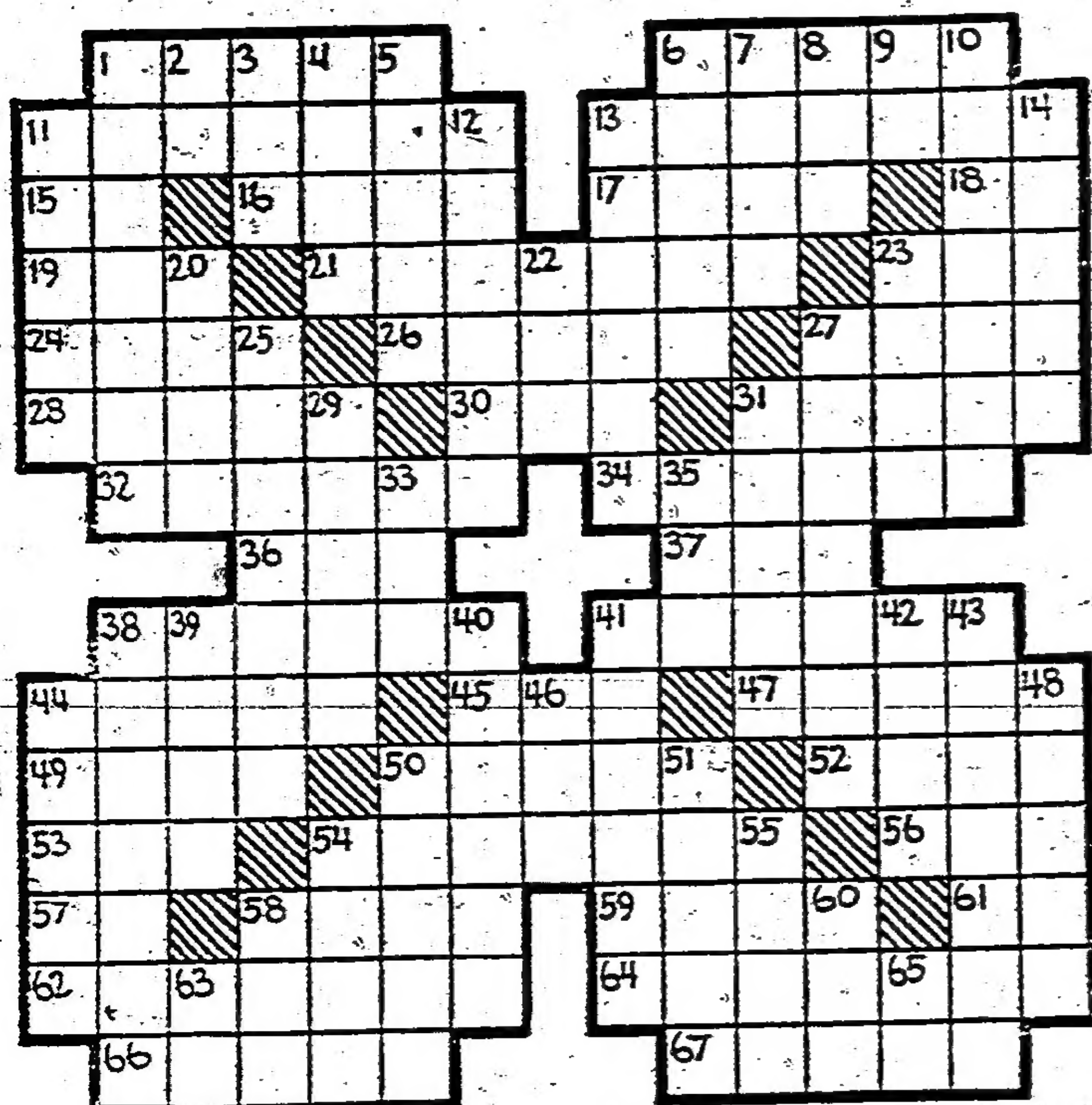
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DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE

This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spelling, such as harbor, plow, and altho.



HORIZONTAL

- 1—Pursue
- 6—Markets
- 11—Rubbers
- 13—Leaves
- 15—Egyptian god
- 16—Saucy
- 17—To make a note of
- 18—Above
- 19—Uneven
- 21—Draws as a conclusion
- 23—Unit
- 24—Spill
- 25—Ventures
- 27—Very small amount
- 28—Eel fisherman
- 30—By
- 31—Assumed an attitude
- 32—Spanish title (pl.)
- 34—Withered
- 36—Expire
- 37—A small pail
- 38—Kingdoms
- 41—Infirmary
- 44—Flowerless plant (pl.)
- 45—Very warm
- 47—A Russian title (pl.)
- 48—Publish
- 50—A helmsman
- 52—English school

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

- 53—Municipal (abbr.)
- 54—Tested, as eggs
- 56—A compass point
- 57—Upper Canada (abbr.)
- 58—Native of Denmark
- 59—Man's name
- 61—That is (Lat. abbr.)
- 62—Replies sharply
- 64—Member of a senate
- 66—Fathers
- 67—Part of a carpenter's joint

VERTICAL

- 1—Swinging beds
- 2—Interjection
- 3—Serpent
- 4—Plant
- 5—Made a mistake
- 6—Apportions
- 7—Imitates
- 8—Butt
- 9—Treasurer (abbr.)
- 10—Dwarfed
- 11—Appearing as if gnawed
- 12—Narrow strips of leather

VERTICAL (Cont.)

- 13—Of different kinds
- 14—Rate of motion
- 20—Gratuity
- 22—Anger
- 23—River in France
- 25—Anything that hangs
- 27—Part of a carpenter's joint
- 29—Makes muddy
- 31—Pigment
- 33—Remainder (abbr.)
- 35—Piece out
- 38—Makes smaller
- 39—Ireland
- 40—Glows
- 41—Ecclesiastical vestment (pl.)
- 42—Tardy
- 43—Wearing away of rocks by water
- 44—Thigh-bone
- 46—Aged
- 48—Scoff
- 50—Utters gaspingly
- 51—Dogma
- 54—Solicitude
- 55—Completed
- 58—June-bug
- 60—River in Poland
- 63—Musical note
- 65—Preposition

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It is assumed in this connection that Count Grandi broached the question of recognition of General Franco as a belligerent.

In view of the Italian attitude towards the Nyon Conference and Rome's suggestion that the problem of submarine piracy in the Mediterranean be placed in the hands of the non-intervention committee rather than the committee of three, it is regarded as probable that the Italian Government will maintain the same attitude in replying to the Anglo-

French Note.

NOTE TO BE SENT

The Note, nevertheless, will be sent to Rome and is likely to be presented to the Italian Foreign Minister, Count Ciano, to-morrow (Saturday).


Until Italy has formally replied, official circles in London will refrain from comments of any kind. —Trans-Ocean.

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